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THE PROPHET JESUS (AS),
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Harun Yahya's works, translated into 72 different languages, constitute a collection for a total of more than 55,000 pages with 40,000 illustrations.

His pen-name is a composite of the names Harun (Aaron) and Yahya (John), in memory of the two esteemed Prophets who fought against their peoples' lack of faith. The Prophet's seal on his books' covers is symbolic and is linked to their contents. It represents the Qur'an (the Final Scripture) and Prophet Muhammad (saas), last of the prophets. Under the guidance of the Qur'an and the Sunnah (teachings of the Prophet [saas]), the author makes it his purpose to disprove each fundamental tenet of irreligious ideologies and to have the "last word," so as to completely silence the objections raised against religion. He uses the seal of the final Prophet (saas), who attained ultimate wisdom and moral perfection, as a sign of his intention to offer the last word.

All of Harun Yahya's works share one single goal: to convey the Qur'an's message, encourage readers to consider basic faith-related issues such as Allah's existence and unity and the Hereafter; and to expose irreligious systems' feeble foundations and perverted ideologies.

Harun Yahya enjoys a wide readership in many countries,

from India to America, England to Indonesia, Poland to Bosnia, Spain to Brazil, Malaysia to Italy, France to Bulgaria and Russia. Some of his books are available in English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Urdu, Arabic, Albanian, Chinese, Swahili, Hausa, Dhivehi (spoken in Maldives), Russian, Serbo-Croat (Bosnian), Polish, Malay, Uyghur Turkish, Indonesian, Bengali, Danish and Swedish.

Greatly appreciated all around the world, these works have been instrumental in many people recovering faith in Allah and gaining deeper insights into their faith. His books' wisdom and sincerity, together with a distinct style that's easy to understand, directly affect anyone who reads them. Those who seriously consider these books, can no longer advocate atheism or any other perverted ideology or materialistic philosophy, since these books are characterized by rapid effectiveness, definite results, and irrefutability. Even if they continue to do so, it will be only a sentimental insistence, since these books refute such ideologies from their very foundations. All contemporary movements of denial are now ideologically defeated, thanks to the books written by Harun Yahya.

This is no doubt a result of the Qur'an's wisdom and lucidity. The author modestly intends to serve as a means in humanity's search for Allah's right path. No material gain is sought in the publication of these works.

Those who encourage others to read these books, to open their minds and hearts and guide them to become more devoted servants of Allah, render an invaluable service.

Meanwhile, it would only be a waste of time and energy to propagate other books that create confusion in people's minds, lead them into ideological confusion, and that clearly have no strong and precise effects in removing the doubts in people's hearts, as also verified from previous experience. It is impossible for books devised to emphasize the author's literary power rather than the noble goal of saving people from loss of faith, to have such a great effect. Those who doubt this can readily see that the sole aim of Harun Yahya's books is to overcome disbelief and to disseminate the Qur'an's moral values. The success and impact of this service are manifested in the readers' conviction.

One point should be kept in mind: The main reason for the continuing cruelty, conflict, and other ordeals endured by the vast majority of people is the ideological prevalence of disbelief. This can be ended only with the ideological defeat of disbelief and by conveying the wonders of creation and Qur'anic morality so that people can live by it. Considering the state of the world today, leading into a downward spiral of violence, corruption and conflict, clearly this service must be provided speedily and effectively, or it may be too late.

In this effort, the books of Harun Yahya assume a leading role. By the will of Allah, these books will be a means through which people in the twenty-first century will attain the peace, justice, and happiness promised in the Qur'an.

TO THE READER

✦ A special chapter is assigned to the collapse of the theory of evolution because this theory constitutes the basis of all anti-spiritual philosophies. Since Darwinism rejects the fact of creation—and therefore, Allah's existence—over the last 150 years it has caused many people to abandon their faith or fall into doubt. It is therefore an imperative service, a very important duty to show everyone that this theory is a deception. Since some readers may find the opportunity to read only one of our books, we think it appropriate to devote a chapter to summarize this subject.

✦ All the author's books explain faith-related issues in light of Qur'anic verses, and invite readers to learn Allah's words and to live by them. All the subjects concerning Allah's verses are explained so as to leave no doubt or room for questions in the reader's mind. The books' sincere, plain, and fluent style ensures that everyone of every age and from every social group can easily understand them. Thanks to their effective, lucid narrative, they can be read at one sitting. Even those who rigorously reject spirituality are influenced by the facts these books document and cannot refute the truthfulness of their contents.

✦ This and all the other books by the author can be read individually, or discussed in a group. Readers eager to profit from the books will find discussion very useful, letting them relate their reflections and experiences to one another.

✦ In addition, it will be a great service to Islam to contribute to the publication and reading of these books, written solely for the pleasure of Allah. The author's books are all extremely convincing. For this reason, to communicate true religion to others, one of the most effective methods is encouraging them to read these books.

✦ We hope the reader will look through the reviews of his other books at the back of this book. His rich source material on faith-related issues is very useful, and a pleasure to read.

✦ In these books, unlike some other books, you will not find the author's personal views, explanations based on dubious sources, styles that are unobservant of the respect and reverence due to sacred subjects, nor hopeless, pessimistic arguments that create doubts in the mind and deviations in the heart.

**HARUN YAHYA
(ADNAN OKTAR)**

*The Prophet Jesus (as),
Hazrat Mahdi (as)
and
the Islamic Union*

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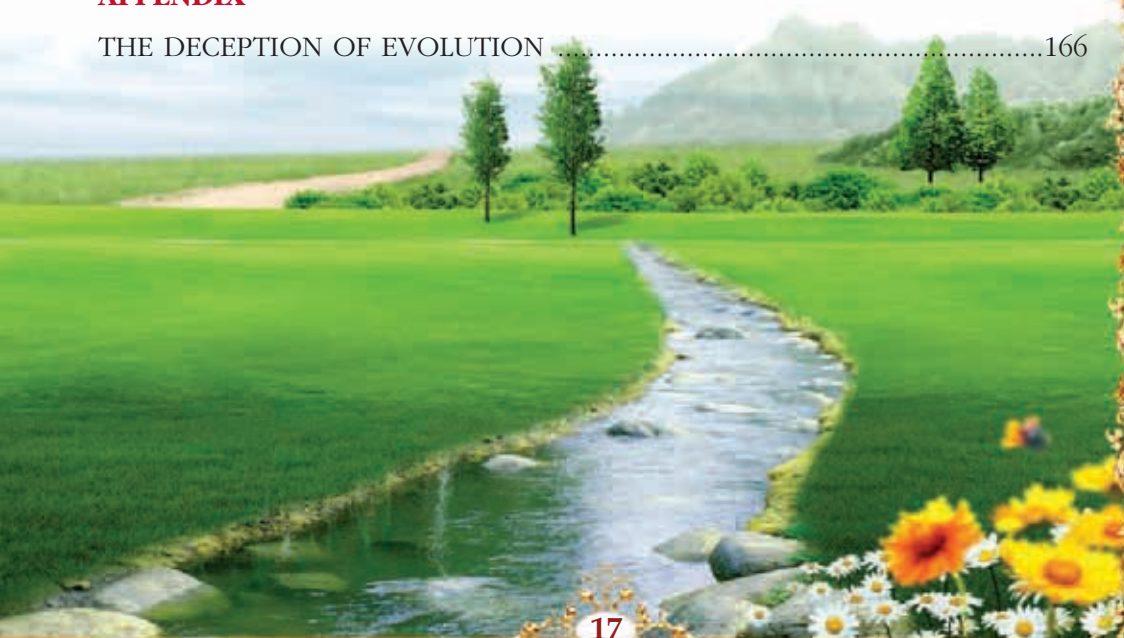
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*Sections of the
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THE FORMER MAHDIS NEVER ASSUMED THE TITLE OF THE GREAT MAHDI OF THE END TIMES

In the letter, "Takbirat al-Hujjaj fi Arafat" written by Said Nursi, in response to the ones who asked, "Some precious followers of Light very persistently assume you to be the great guide of the End Times coming from the honorable descent of our Prophet (saas) and you insistently do not accept their opinion and you abstain from it. This is a contradiction. We want the matter to be clarified", Said Nursi said, "the collective personality of the blessed community, that THE MAHDI RASUL WHO WILL COME IN THE FUTURE represents, has three duties; saving the faith, reviving the signs and portents of Islam under title of the spiritual leader of Muslims and with, to some extent, the change of many provisions of the Qur'an and the laws of religion of Islam brought by Prophet Muhammad (saas), THAT PERSON tries to fulfill this great duty. Since the followers of Light see this first duty wholly in the *Treatise of Light*, and considering the second and third duties to be also of second and of third degree, they rightly regard the spiritual entity of the *Treatise of Light* as a kind of Mahdi.

Since some of them imagine [Mahdi] to be the *Treatise of Light's* mere interpreter who is one of the representatives of this spiritual entity, they sometimes give him that name (the Mahdi). Even so, that the fact that some of the former holy people have figured the *Treatise of Light* to be that guide of the End Times in their marvels of the unseen can be understood by the examination of this.]

That means there is misunderstanding over two points, and clarification is needed.

The first: The two duties in the End Times are in reality not of the same degree as the first; but, it seems to everyone, particularly to public and politicians and according to the public opinion of this century, that the caliphate of Muhammad and unity of Islam is a thousand times more far-reaching. **The truth is that a guide to happiness, a mujaddid and a kind of Mahdi, comes and has come in every century. But in terms of having fulfilled one of the three duties in one aspect, NONE HAS BORNE THE TITLE OF THE GREAT MAHDI OF THE END TIMES.**

The Second: BUT THE FACT IS THAT THIS GREAT INDIVIDUAL OF THE END TIMES WILL BE FROM THE GREAT HOUSE. In fact, I am like a kind of spiritual son of Hazrat Ali (r.a). I took the lesson of truth from him. And since the Prophet Muhammad (saas) is represented in the true followers of the Light, I may also be considered as from the Ahl al-Bayt [family of the Prophet Muhammad (saas)]. But since there can be no selfishness and ego and yearning for personal rank or attaining fame and honor, in the Light, and in order not to impair the purity of the Light, even if any spiritual rank were given to me, I would be partially in accord as I find myself obliged to give it up and I would openly and completely not reject any such spiritual title." (*Rays, 14th Ray, pp. 388-389*)

THEY IMAGINED THAT A TRUTH THAT WOULD EMERGE ONLY 1,400 YEARS LATER WAS IMMINENT IN THEIR OWN CENTURIES

“The Hour has drawn nigh.” (Surat al-Qiyama: 1) That is, the Day of Judgment is near. The fact that it has not come after a thousand or this-or-that many years does not negate its closeness, because the Day of Judgment is the appointed hour of the world, and in relation to the life of the world one or two thousand years are like one or two days or even one or two minutes in relation to a year. The Hour of the Day of Judgment is not only the appointed hour of mankind that it should be related to it and seen as distant. It is because of this that the Absolutely Wise One conceals the Day of Judgment in His knowledge among the ‘Five Hidden Things.’ It is due to the mystery of this vagueness that in every age including the Age of the Bliss, the Age of the Prophet, people have been frightened of the end of the world. Some of them even said that the conditions had all but appeared.

Thus, unfair people who do not know this truth say: “Why then did the Companions of the Prophet with their vigilant hearts and keen sight, who had been taught all the details of the hereafter, **SUPPOSE A FACT THAT WOULD OCCUR ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED YEARS LATER TO BE CLOSE TO THEIR CENTURY**, as though their ideas had deviated a thousand years from the truth?”

The Answer: Because, through the effulgence of the Prophet’s conversation, the Companions thought of the hereafter more than anyone, and knowing the transient nature of the world and understanding the Divine wisdom in the hour of the Day of Judgment being vague, they assumed a position of always awaiting the world’s appointed hour and worked seriously for the hereafter. Allah’s Noble Messenger (saas) repeat-

ing: "Expect the Day of Judgment. Wait for it" was prophetic guidance arising from this wisdom; it was not a pronouncement of revelation concerning the specific time of its occurrence and far from the truth. The cause is one thing and the wisdom is another. Thus, sayings of the Prophet (saas) of this sort arise from the wisdom in certain things being indefinite.

It is also due to this mystery that they expected the individuals who will come at the end of time like the Mahdi and Sufyan long beforehand, and even in the time of the generation succeeding the Prophet, and hoped to live long enough to see them. Some of the saints even said that they had passed. Like the end of the world, Divine wisdom requires that the times of these individuals are not specified either because every age is in need of the Mahdi's meaning, for he strengthens morale and saves the people from despair. Every century has to have a share of this meaning. In order that people should not heedlessly follow evil and the reins of the soul should not be left free in indifference, every century the fearsome individuals who come to lead strife must be shrunk from and feared. If they had been specified, the benefits of general guidance would have been lost. (*Words, pp. 343, 344*)

HAZRAT MAHDI (AS) WILL HAVE THREE GREAT TASKS

My precious, straightforward brothers,

First of all: An important and very precious follower of the Nur asked me on behalf of many others: "Some pure and important followers of the Light insistently **assume you to be the great guide of the End Times from the honorable descent of our Prophet (saas) and even though you abstain, they insist on it.** You, on the other hand, insistently do not accept their suggestion and abstain from it. Surely they have a truth and evidence in their hands and you, based on a wisdom and reality, do not agree with them. You stand in contrast with them. We want the matter to be clarified."

In response to many matters represented by this person I say: Those genuine followers of the Light have a truth. But it demands an explanation and an interpretation in two aspects.

FIRST: I have many times indicated in my letters that the spiritual entity of the holy community, that which Hazrat Mahdi (as) from the family of the Messenger (saas) represents, has three duties. If the Day of Judgment does not come to pass very soon and people do not totally turn away from the [true] path, then we hope from the Mercy of Allah that his community and sayyids [those descended from the line of the Prophet Muhammad (saas)] will perform these duties. And **HE WILL HAVE THREE GREAT DUTIES:**

The first: Under the influence of science and philosophy, and the spread of the materialist and naturalist epidemic into humanity, the first duty [of Hazrat Mahdi (as)] is first of all to save faith as to entirely silence philosophy and materialistic thinking.

Since preserving believers from depravity [preventing believers straying from the true path] and that this duty neces-

sitates leaving behind the world and everything, and being occupied with research a great deal of time, **HAZRAT MAHDI (AS) will have no time or means to perform that task himself.** Governance with respect to succeeding Muhammad (saas) leaves no time for that. A community before him will probably perform that duty in one respect.

THAT PERSON will make a ready program FOR HIMSELF out of the work already written by that community after a lengthy research, by which he will have fulfilled that first duty in its full sense. The force and spiritual army on which that duty depends consists merely of students who are in full possession of the qualities of purity, loyalty and solidarity. No matter how few in number, they are spiritually regarded as being as powerful and valuable as an army.

The second task: is to revive the essence of Islam with the title of the caliph of Muhammad (saas). Taking the union of the Islamic world as his foundation, it is to save humanity from physical and spiritual dangers, and from the Divine wrath. For this duty, there needs to be a foundation, its servants, and an army with millions of members.

The third task: With the weakening of Qur'anic stipulations as times change and the denial of the laws of Muhammad (saas) to an extent, **THAT PERSON strives to perform his great duty with the spiritual assistance of all the faithful and the cooperation of the Islamic union, and the solidarity among the scholars and the saints and, in particular, the contribution of millions of devoted sayyids who are mighty and many in every century.** Though this is the actual case now, since the followers of the Light completely see this task in the Treatise of Light because its prime duty and greatest occupation, which is to rescue faith and teach faith to the public in a verifiable and certain manner, and to

make faith certain for even the commonest people, expresses the full clarity of the meaning of spiritual and real guide, the second and third tasks are relatively of secondary and tertiary importance compared to this, and they thus rightfully interpret the collective personality of the Treatise of Light as a kind of Mahdi. Since they regard it as a representation of that collective personality, a collective personality coming from the solidarity of the followers of the Light, and since they regard that poor translator as a kind of representative within that collective personality, they sometimes also give him that name. **THE FACT IS THAT THIS IS CONFUSION AND MISUNDERSTANDING, BUT THEY ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR IT** because this is mainly good opinion, that has existed for a long time, and cannot be objected to. Since I also regard that good opinion of those brothers of mine as a kind of prayer and hope, and a reflection of the pure conviction of the students of the Light, I have not quarreled with them. Even so, that the fact that some of the former holy people have figured the Treatise of Light to be that guide of the End Times in their marvels of the unseen can be understood by the examination of this. **That means there is misunderstanding over two points, and clarification is needed.**

The first: Actually the last two duties are not of the same degree as the first; but it seems to everyone, particularly to the public and politicians and according to the public opinion of this century, that they are a thousand times more far-reaching than the first with respect to the rule of Islam on earth with the armies of the Islamic Union and the caliphate of Muhammad (saas). And when this name is given to a man, these two duties come to mind; they suggest the meaning of politics and perhaps remind one of boasting; it may reveal a desire for glory, honor, rank and fame. And individuals both now and in the past, cred-

ulous and keen for office, claim "I will be the Mahdi."

A GUIDE, A KIND OF MAHDI AND REFORMER COMES AND HAS COME IN EVERY CENTURY, BUT IN CONSIDERATION OF DISCHARGING ONE OF THESE THREE DUTIES IN ONE ASPECT, NONE HAVE RECEIVED THE TITLE OF THE GREAT MAHDI OF THE END TIMES.

And in court, the well-informed people of Denizli said to me on the basis of these misunderstandings on the part of some followers:

"If he claimed to be the Mahdi, all his followers would go along with that." And I told them: **"I do not know myself a sayyid. Generations are not known at this time. BUT THE FACT IS THAT THE GREAT INDIVIDUAL OF THE END TIMES will be from the Great House.** However, I spiritually took lessons of the truth from Hazrat Ali (r.a.) like a kind of spiritual son of his and since the Family of Muhammad (saas) embraces the followers of the Light in a sense, I may also be considered as from the Ahl al-Bayt. But since this time is the time of a collective personality, and there can be no personalization or personality or desire for personal rank, or gain fame and honor in the occupation of the Light; and since this violates the secret of sincerity, I give endless thanks to Almighty Allah that I have no pride and have no pretension to such personal ranks endlessly higher than my own limits. And in order not to impair the purity in the Light, I would have to reject any spiritual title even if it were given to me." And those well-informed people fell silent. (*Emirdağ Addendum, An Extract from a Conversation with the Minister of the Interior, pp. 260-263*)

4. HAZRAT MAHDI (AS) WILL BE THE GREATEST MUJTAHID (INTERPRETER OF THE LAW), AND THE GREATEST MUJADDID (REVIVER), A JUDGE AND A RULER, A MURSHID (GUIDE TO THE TRUE PATH), THE MAHDI AND QUTB AL-AZAM (GREAT SAINT TO WHOM MUSLIMS ADHERE)

FIFTH SIGN, and it is a very brief answer to an important question.

Question: There are numerous authentic narrations about the appearance of the Mahdi at the end of time and his putting the world to right, which will have been corrupted. However, the present time is the time of the group, or social collectivity, not of the individual. However, no matter how great a genius an individual is, even a hundredfold genius, if he is not the representative of a group and if he doesn't represent the collective personality of a group, he will be defeated in the face of the collective personality of an opposing group. However elevated and great the power of his sainthood, how will he be able to reform the world at this time amid the widespread corruption of a human group such as that? **If all the Mahdi's works are wondrous, it would be contrary to the Divine wisdom and Divine laws in the world. We want to understand the true meaning of this matter of the Mahdi. How should we?**

The Answer: Out of His perfect mercy, every time the Muslim community has been corrupted, Almighty Allah has sent a reformer, or a regenerator, or a vicegerent of high standing, or a supreme spiritual pole, or a perfect guide, or blessed persons acting as a Mahdi, as a mark of His protect-

ing the Islamic religion until eternity; He has removed the corruption, reformed the nation, and preserved the religion of Muhammad (saas). Since His custom has proceeded in this way, **CERTAINLY, AT THE TIME OF THE GREATEST CORRUPTION AT THE END OF TIME, HE WILL SEND A LUMINOUS PERSON AS BOTH THE GREASTEST MUJTAHID (INTERPRETER OF THE LAW), AND THE GREATEST MUJADDID (REVIVER), AND A JUDGE AND A RULER, AND A MAHDI, AND MURSHID (A GUIDE TO THE TRUE PATH), AND QUTB AL-AZAM (A GREAT SAINT TO WHOM MUSLIMS ADHERE), AND THAT PERSON WILL BE FROM THE FAMILY OF THE PROPHET (SAAS).** Almighty Allah, Who fills and empties the world between the heavens and earth with clouds, in an instant stills the storms of the sea, and **IN AN HOUR IN SPRING CREATES SAMPLES OF THE SUMMER AND IN AN HOUR IN SUMMER CREATES A WINTER STORM, SUCH AN ALL-POWERFUL ONE OF GLORY CAN ALSO SCATTER THE DARKNESS WITHIN THE WORLD OF ISLAM BY MEANS OF THE MAHDI.** He has promised this, and certainly **HE WILL CARRY OUT HIS PROMISE.** If the Divine Power is considered, it is most easy. If the sphere of causes and Divine wisdom are considered, it is again so reasonable and necessary that deep thinkers have asserted that even if "...it had not been narrated from the Bringer of Sure News, it still should have been. And it will be".

It is like this: All praise be to Allah, the prayer, "*O Allah, grant blessings to our master Muhammad (saas) and to the Family of our master Muhammad (saas), as you granted blessings to Abraham and to the Family of Abraham, in all the world. Indeed You are measurelessly worthy of all praise, exalted!*", which is repeated by all the Muslim community five times a day in all the obligatory prayers,

has self-evidently been accepted. For like the Family of Abraham (as), the Family of Muhammad (saas) have assumed a position wherein these luminous persons stand as commanders at the head of all blessed chains of spiritual authorities in the assemblies of all the regions of the world in all centuries. They are so numerous that all these commanders together form a mighty army. If they took on physical form and through their solidarity were formed into a division, **if they awakened the religion of Islam and bound it together in unity, which would be like a sacred nationhood, the army of no other nation could withstand them. Thus, that numerous and powerful army is the Family of Muhammad (saas), the most select army of the Mahdi.**

Yes, today in the world there is no family distinguished by such high honor and elevated qualities and nobility in its descendants, in unbroken succession and well-documented genealogy, which is as powerful and important as the line of Sayyids of the Family of the Prophet. Since early times it is they who have been at the heads of all the groups of the people of truth, and they who have been the renowned leaders of the people of perfection. Now it is a blessed line numbering in the millions. Vigilant and circumspect, their hearts full of belief and love of the Prophet, they are distinguished by the honor of their world-renowned lineage. Momentous events shall occur which will awaken and arouse that sacred force within that vast community. **CERTAINLY, THE ELEVATED ARDOR IN THAT HUGE FORCE WILL SURGE UP AND THE MAHDI SHALL COME TO LEAD IT, GUIDING IT TO THE WAY OF TRUTH AND REALITY. WE AWAIT FROM THE DIVINE LAW AND DIVINE MERCY THAT IT SHOULD BE AS SUCH, AND ITS BEING SUCH, LIKE WE AWAIT THE COMING OF SPRING AFTER WINTER; AND WE ARE RIGHT TO AWAIT IT...** (*Letters*, pp. 422-424)

HAZRAT MAHDI (AS) AND HIS FOLLOWERS WILL ELIMINATE OPPRESSION ONE CENTURY AFTER BEDIUZZAMAN

In the verse, "They desire to put out the light of Allah with their mouths, and Allah will not consent save to perfect His light, though the unbelievers are averse." (Surat at-Tawba, 32) with its powerful and gentle spiritual relation the statement, "*Yureedoona an yutfi-oo noora Allahi bi-afwahihim*" (**They desire to put out the light of Allah with their mouths, and Allah will not consent save to perfect His light,**) each one of "l m" bearing the gemination mark is counted as one and "m m" as two, for it is included in the main word, it [numerological calculation] suggests one thousand three hundred twenty four (1324 Hijri and 1906 in the Gregorian Calendar). With the intention of extinguishing the light of the Islamic State, the European tyrants hatched a tremendous plot against it, even though, by the proclamation of freedom the Turkish patriots tried to render that plan void in "twenty-four" (1324). Six-seven years later, namely, at the end of the World War, again with the same intention of a plot, [the European tyrants] imposed very severe conditions that were against [living by] the Qur'an by the Treaty of Sèvres (1920) and the Turkish patriots tried to respond and render ineffective [the Europeans] plans of carrying out the infidel ideologies on the dates "four" (34) and "fifty four" (54) with full conformity [by Allah's preordination] with the date of the proclamation of the Republic in one thousand three hundred twenty four (1324). From these stand out the retorting efforts of those, who try to preserve the Light of the Qur'an in that upheaval, and among who is particularly the author of the Treatise of the Light in "twenty four (24)" and the first pamphlets of the Treatise of Light in "thirty four (34)" and the luminous sections of the Treatise of Light and its self-sacrificing followers in

“fifty four” (54) who tried to respond to it.

If “mim” bearing the gemination mark is also considered as one like “lam”s bearing the gemination marks, then it corresponds to one-thousand-two-hundred-eighty-four (1284). On that date, the European infidels intended to extinguish the Light of the Islamic State and only ten years later provoked the Russians and by the inauspicious war of 93, they had laid a temporary veil over the bright Light of the Islamic World. But since the followers of Mawlana Khalid dispersed that cloud of persecution instead of the followers of the Treatise of Light, in that respect this verse draws attention by referring to their leaders.

IT NOW OCCURS TO MIND THAT IF EACH OF THE LETTERS “MIM” AND “LAM” BEARING THE GEMINATION MARK ARE COUNTED AS TWO, THE PEOPLE WHO WILL DISSOLVE THE OPPRESSIONS A CENTURY LATER MAY BE THE DISCIPLES OF HAZRAT MAHDI (AS). Anyway, there are many secrets within this luminous verse.

We discussed briefly with the secret of the saying, “The drop signifies the ocean.” (*Beams*, p. 623-624)

**“I THINK I AM A VANGUARD TO SET
A BACKGROUND FOR THE WONDROUS
PERSON WHO WILL APPEAR IN THE FUTURE
AND A PIONEERING SOLDIER FOR
THAT GREAT COMMANDER”**

My saintly and strenuous brother of the hereafter and my friend in the service of the Qur'an, the Second Hulusi and Sabri-i Awwal. Masha'Allah, you have well conceived the worth of the Twentieth Letter and you have also put it down beautifully. In your letter, you state that you want to learn ilm *al-Kalām* (the study of “speech” or “words”) from me. You are already taking those lessons. The public Words that you write are the lessons of that bright and genuine ilm *al-Kalām*. Some blessed people who searched for the truth such as Imam Rabbani Shaykh Ahmad al-Sirhindi said: **“At the End Times, someone will expound ilm al-Kalam, that is, the words regarding matters of faith, in such a form that, above those who are masters of knowledge by the inspiration of Allah and orders, he will cause the publishing of those lights.** Indeed, Imam Rabbani Shaykh Ahmad al-Sirhindi considered himself as that person.

This humble, poor brother of yours who considers himself to be nothing; I can, very humbly, in no way claim myself to be that man who will come; in no respect have I any qualification for that. **BUT I THINK I AM A SERVANT OF THIS WONDROUS PERSON WHO WILL APPEAR IN THE FUTURE, A VANGUARD TO SET A BACKGROUND FOR HIM AND A PIONEERING SOLDIER OF THAT GREAT COMMANDER.** And that is why you smelled that wondrous scent from those writings. (*Barla Addendum, 28th Letter, p. 250*)



THEY ANNOUNCED THE PLACE FROM WHERE HAZRAT MAHDI (AS) WILL APPEAR IN TERMS OF THE OLD CENTERS OF SULTANATE, YET HAZRAT MAHDI (AS) WILL ACTUALLY COME FROM ISTANBUL

It is also due to this mystery that they expected the individuals who will come at the end of time like the Mahdi and Sufyan long beforehand, and even in the time of the generation succeeding the Prophet, and hoped to live long enough to see them. Some of the saints even said that they had passed. Like the end of the world, Divine wisdom requires that the times of these individuals are not specified either, because every age is in need of the Mahdi's meaning, for he strengthens morale and saves the people from despair. Every century has to have a share of this meaning. In order that people should not heedlessly follow evil and the reins of the soul should not be left free in indifference, every century the fearsome individuals who come to lead strife must be shrunk from and feared. If they had been specified, the benefits of general guidance would have been lost.

Now, the difference in the narrations about individuals like the Mahdi, and their meaning, is this: those who expounded Hadiths applied the text of the Hadiths to their own interpretations and commentaries. For example, since the center of power at that time was Damascus or Medina, they imagined the events connected with the Mahdi and Sufyan in places like Basra, Kufa, and Syria, which were in the region of those centers, and expounded them accordingly. Moreover, they imagined the mighty works belonging to the collective identity or community which those individuals represented to be in their persons and expounded them in that way, so that they ascribed a form to them whereby when those EXTRAORDINARY INDI-

VIDUALS appear, everyone will recognize them. However, as we said, this world is the arena of trial. The door is opened to the reason, but the will is not taken from the hand. So, WHEN THOSE INDIVIDUALS, and even the terrible antichrist, appear, many people and even himself will not know to start with that he is the antichrist. THOSE INDIVIDUALS OF THE END OF TIME WILL BE KNOWN through the insight and the light of belief.

It is narrated in a Hadith about the antichrist, who is one of the signs of the end of time: "His first day is like a year, his second day like a month, his third day like a week, and his fourth day like other days. When he appears the world will hear. He will travel the world in forty days." (Muslim, Bukhari) Some unfair people have said about this narration that it is impossible, Allah forbid, and have gone as far as denying and declaring it null. Whereas, and the knowledge of it is with Allah, the reality of it must be this:

It indicates the appearance of an individual from the North who will come to lead a great current issuing forth from the godless ideas of naturalism, in the North, where the world of unbelief is at its densest, and who will deny a Divine Being. There is an instance of wisdom in this, for in the latitudes close to the North Pole the whole year is one day and one night; there are six months of night and six months of day. "One day of the antichrist is a year" alludes to his appearance close to those latitudes. What is meant from "His second day is a month" is that passing in this direction from the North, it sometimes happens that for a month in the summer the sun does not set. This suggests that the antichrist will emerge in the North and invade southwards towards the civilized world. By attributing the day to the antichrist, it points to this. He comes further in this direc-

tion, and the sun does not set for a week, and so it continues until there are three hours between its rising and setting. While being held as a prisoner-of-war in Russia, I was in such a place. Close to us was a place where the sun did not set for a week. They used to go there to watch it. As for the part, "When the antichrist appears, all the world will hear of it," the telegraph and radio have solved this. As for his traveling the world in forty days, the railway and aeroplane, which are his mounts, have solved this matter. Deniers who formerly considered these two statements to be impossible, now see them as commonplace!

Referring to the detailed letter I wrote related to Gog and Magog and the Wall, which are the portents of the Day of Judgment we only say this: it is reported in the accounts that those who, in the past under the titles of Manchuria and the Moguls, turned the whole of humanity upside down and caused the construction of the Great Wall of China, will at a time close to the Day of Judgment, again turn human civilization upside down with an anarchistic ideology. (*Words*, pp.344-345)



THE JOINT INTELLECTUAL STRUGGLE OF HAZRAT MAHDI (AS) AND THE PROPHET JESUS (AS)

The Meaning of your fourth question: After Jesus (as) kills [spiritually] the dajjal (antichrist) at the end of time, most people will enter the true religion. But it says in some narrations: *"The end of the world will not occur so long as there remain on the earth those who say, Allah! Allah!"* (Muslim, Iman 234; Tirmidhi, Fitn 35; Musnad ii, 107, 201, 259; al-Hakim, al-Mustadrak, vi, 494). (Muslim, 1: 131; 4:2268; Musnad, 3:107, 201, 268; Kanz al-Ummal, 14:227, 228.) So how, after most people have come to believe, will most people become unbelievers?

The Answer: Those whose belief is weak deem it unlikely that what is narrated in a sound Hadith, "Jesus (as) will come, he will act in accordance with the Shari'a of Islam, and he will kill the antichrist [intellectually eliminate it]," will come about. But if the reality of this is explained, no reason remains to deem it unlikely. It is as follows: The meaning expressed by this Hadith, and those about the Sufyan and the Mahdi, is this: at the end of time two currents of irreligion will gain strength.

One of them: Under the veil of duplicity, a fearsome individual named the Sufyan will deny the messengership of Muhammad (saas), and coming to lead the dissemblers, will try to destroy the Islamic Shari'a. TO OPPOSE HIM, A LUMINOUS INDIVIDUAL CALLED MUHAMMAD MAHDI, OF THE FAMILY OF THE PROPHET, WILL COME TO LEAD THE PEOPLE OF SAINTHOOD AND PERFECTION, WHO ARE FROM THE LUMINOUS CHAIN OF THE FAMILY OF THE PROPHET, and he will kill [intellectually] the current of dissemblers, which will be the collective personality of the Sufyan, and scatter it.

The Second Current: A tyrannical current born of the naturalist and materialist philosophy will gradually become strong and spread at the end of time by means of the materialist philosophy, reaching such a degree that it denies divinity, much like a savage who does not recognize the king and accept that the officers and soldiers in the army are the king's soldiers ascribes a sort of kingship and rulership to everyone and to all the soldiers. In just the same way, the members of that current, who deny Allah, each ascribes divinity to his own soul like a little Nimrod. And the greatest of them, the antichrist, who will come to lead them, will manifest awesome wonders, a sort of spiritualism and hypnosis; he will go even further, and imagining his tyrannical, superficial rule to be a sort of divinity, he will proclaim his godhead. It is clear just what foolish buffoonery it is for impotent man, who may be defeated by a fly and cannot create even a fly's wing, to claim godhead.

AT THAT POINT WHEN THE CURRENT APPEARS TO BE VERY STRONG, THE RELIGION OF TRUE CHRISTIANITY, WHICH COMPRISES THE COLLECTIVE PERSONALITY OF JESUS (AS), WILL EMERGE. That is, it will **DESCEND FROM THE SKIES** of Divine mercy. Present Christianity will be purified in the face of that reality; it will cast off superstition and distortion, and unite with the truths of Islam. Christianity will, in effect, be transformed into a sort of Islam. Following the Qur'an, the collective personality of Christianity will be in the rank of follower, and Islam, in that of leader. The True Religion will become a mighty force as a result of its joining it. Although defeated before the atheistic current while separate, Christianity and Islam will have the capability to defeat and rout it as a result of their union. Then the person of **JESUS (AS), WHO IS PRESENT WITH HIS HUMAN BODY IN THE**

WORLD OF THE HEAVENS, will come to lead the current of the True Religion, **as, relying on the promise of One Powerful Over All Things**, the Bringer of Sure News has said it. Since he has spoken of it, it is true, and since the One Powerful Over All Things has promised it, He will certainly bring it about.

Indeed, it is not far from the wisdom of an All-Wise One of Glory, Who all the time sends the angels to the earth from the heavens, sometimes in human form (like Gabriel appearing in the form of Dihya), and sends spirit beings from the Spirit World making them appear in human form, and even sends the spirits of most of the dead saints to the world with similitudes of their bodies, **it would not be far from His Wisdom -even if he were not alive and present with his body in the skies of the world, and had truly died and departed for the furthest corner of the hereafter- to clothe Jesus (as) in his body and send him to the world**, so to bring the religion of Jesus to a good conclusion for such a momentous result. Indeed, He promised it because His wisdom required it to be thus, and since He promised it, He will most certainly send him.

When Jesus (as) comes, it is not necessary that everyone should know him to be the true Jesus (as). His elect and those close to him will recognize him through the light of belief. It will not be self-evident so that everyone will recognize him.

(Letters, 15th Letter, pp. 52-54)

HAZRAT MAHDI (AS) WILL BE ACTIVE IN THE BROAD SHPERE OF LIFE

We ask and wish with all our hearts from the All-Compassionate Allah that the last part of the account related by the Loyal Messenger saying “the time and conditions for spiritual victory and the dispersal of oppression are close by” comes true. However, as to us, the followers of Light, our job is service; though we should not interfere with the Divine Service, and not make it a kind of experience by basing our service on His, we should understand that the quality is important, not the quantity, and seeing the Treatise of Light’s accomplishments so far under the terrible conditions that have urged [people] to choose debased morals and the life of this world over the life of the hereafter in every aspect and how it stopped the attacks of the atheism and heresy, and how it saved the faith of hundreds of thousands, and how it brought up hundreds and thousands genuine believers, each of whom are as strong as hundreds of thousands, confirmed this report of the Loyal Messenger and proved his words true and is still proving and, insha’Allah, will continue to prove it.

And the Treatise of Light is so strongly established now, insha’Allah, that no power can tear it from the heart of Anatolia. **ONLY IN THE END TIMES, IN THE BROAD SPHERE OF LIFE, ITS REAL OWNERS, IN OTHER WORDS, MAHDI AND HIS FOLLOWERS, WILL COME BY THE LEAVE OF THE OMNISCIENT LORD AND WILL BROADEN THAT SPHERE AND THOSE SEEDS WILL THEN FLOURISH. AND WE SHALL BE WATCHING IN OUR GRAVES AND GIVE THANKS TO ALLAH.** (*Kastamonu Addendum, Page 76, Biography, Page 258, Service Guide, Page 267, Ratifying Stamp of the Unseen, Page 153*)

HAZRAT MAHDI (AS) IS THE TRULY AWAITED INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL COME A CENTURY LATER

My precious brothers! In addition to my former answer I gave to you in response to your high opinion of me which is way beyond me and which stems from your devotion, I wrote this next paragraph two days ago. In response to your letter of last week, which is evidence of your tremendous devotion and great sincere effort, the wisdom of my response that, to a certain extent, refutes your high opinion is the following: **"IN THIS PERIOD THERE ARE SUCH PREVALENT MOVEMENTS THAT, SINCE THEY TAKE EVERYTHING FOR THEIR OWN ACCOUNTS, EVEN IF THAT PERSON WHO IS TRULY AWAITED AND WILL COME A CENTURY LATER** (written in Hijr 1354, 1936 in the Gregorian Calendar) comes at this time, I assume that he will disclaim the situation in the political realm and divert his target in order not to let his mission be caught up by those movements..."

There are three issues: Life, the shari'a and the faith. At the point of reality, the most important and the greatest of them is the matter of "faith". **HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE MOST IMPORTANT MATTER ACCORDING TO THE GENERAL OPINION AND THE CURRENT WAY OF LIFE IS CONSIDERED TO BE LIFE AND THE SHARI'A, EVEN IF THAT PERSON EXISTS RIGHT NOW**, he will probably take the most vital issue to be the basic one and not consider the others as basic issues, because changing the circumstances of three of them all over the world will not suit Allah's laws in Creation with regards to human beings.

Until the purity of the service of Islam does not get cor-

rupted in the eyes of the public, and the fact that this service does not become instruments for other intentions is established in the easily seducible minds of the public." (*Kastamonu Addendum*, p. 61)

HAZRAT MAHDI (AS) WILL MAKE THE TREATISE OF LIGHT HIS OWN PROGRAM AND HE WILL DISSEMINATE AND IMPLEMENT IT

My dear, valuable friends, first of all: the real, pure followers of Light, with the contents of the Ratifying Stamp of the Unseen, upon the clear message of Osman al-Khalidi who ate a loaf of bread once in every forty days, and did not eat anything for forty days after that, and upon his will to his heirs, and with the clear message of Topal Şükrü, one of the famous holy scholars of Isparta, they considered a very important truth as their cause, but made therein two mistakes and thought that their unimportant brother Said was someone actually important. Although I have been trying to correct their opinion for the last ten years, those brave brothers still persist in their ideas. Yes, they saw a truth just like the story of the two holy shepherds in the Eighteenth Letter, but it needs to be interpreted. That interpretation is as follows:

They presumed [Mahdi] to be entirely in the Treatise of Light, **FOR SPREADING OUT THE TRUE FAITH AND SAVING THE FAITHFUL FROM HERESY WHICH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT, BIGGEST AND MOST VALUABLE TASK OUT OF THE THREE TASKS OF THE PERSON WHO IS AWAITED BY THE ISLAMIC COMMUNITY, AND WHO WILL COME AT THE END OF TIMES.** For this reason, Imam Ali and Ghaws al-Azam, Osman Khalidi and many others,

referred to the collective personality of the Treatise of Light seeing it [in a spiritual realm] to be as the rank of that person who is awaited by the Islamic community and who will come in the end times. And at other times they thought that collective personality originated from one of its servants, and so they complimented him. **SO, IT APPEARS FROM THIS TRUTH THAT, THAT HOLY PERSON THAT WILL COME IN THE FUTURE, AND WILL DISSEMINATE AND IMPLEMENT THE TREATISE OF LIGHT AS A PROGRAM.**

THE SECOND DUTY OF THAT PERSON is to implement and practice the religion [religion of Islam]. While the first duty is performed not by material power, but rather with strong faith, sincerity and loyalty, this second task requires a great material power and reign so that the second duty can be performed.

THE THIRD DUTY OF THAT PERSON, is to serve the religion of Islam by building the succession of Islam on Islamic Unity and cooperating with the devoted followers of Jesus (as) [Christians]. However, this duty can only be fulfilled with great authority and power and millions of self-sacrificing followers. The first duty is three or four times more valuable than those other two duties, yet since the second and third tasks are so glorious and performed in such a bright and broad sphere, that they appear as more important in the public eye. Propounding some views of those followers of Light and of our brothers, some of whom are saints, that require clarification and explanation will alarm, and has alarmed, the people who are indulgent in this world and the people of politics, it leads to their attacks. Because they fail to see the reality and value of that first duty; they ascribe to their aspects.

The second mistake of my brothers: They attribute a mortal and perishable personality to this poor brother of theirs who represents the collective personality of the **followers of Light and who served as a vanguard for the first task in several aspects.** But these two mistakes actually harm the true purity and sincerity of the Treatise of Light, and while harming its specialty of not being made use for any purpose even for spiritual and unworldly ranks, it also endangers the publication of the Treatise of Light by causing doubts amongst the politicians. Since now is the time of the collective personality, such great and eternal truths cannot be founded on mortal and weak people who might fall silent.

Consequently; **CONSIDERING THE THREE DUTIES ALL TOGETHER, GIVING THE NAME OF THAT PERSON WHO WILL COME WOULD BE WRONG.** Moreover, the sincerity in Light that is not used for any other purpose would be harmed, and the power of truths in the eyes of general believers would decrease. Even the definite evidences would be turned into a high presumption of the present accepted situation; the complete victory over the more persistent heresy and insistent irreligiousness begins not to be seen on the doubtful believers. Then the politicians might get suspicious and some scholars may start objecting. **For that reason, it is not appropriate to give that name to the books of Light. Maybe they can be called ‘mujaddid [reviver], his vanguard’.**

Thousands of greetings to all my brothers. (*Ratifying Stamp of the Unseen, pp. 9-10*)

HAZRAT MAHDI (AS) WILL DISCHARGE THREE TASKS SIMULTANEOUSLY

My precious, blessed brother Hashmad Hodja,
We read your letter about the mujaddid [reviver] with amazement and accordingly spoke of it to our Master.

Our Master says:

“Yes, this time demands one mujaddid [reviver] both for faith and the religion, one for both the social life and the shariah, and one for both the general law and the politics of Islam.

However, the most important issue at the point of preserving the truth of faith is the duty of renovation which is the most

blessed and the greatest duty. Compared to it, the shariah, the social life and the political sphere remain at the second, the third and the fourth grade. **As is related by the hadith, the real important issue about the renovation of the religion is in terms of the renovation of the truths about faith.** But in the general opinion, in the eyes of the people who are indulgent in the life of this world, Islamic social life and the religious political aspects, which are seemingly wide and more attractive on the point of domination is considered to be more important, they look through that glass, with that point of view and thus attach a meaning to it.

“Indeed in this time, all these three duties being present in one person or one community, and in a perfect form, and not impairing one another seem very remote; almost impossible. **IN THE END TIMES, THEY CAN ONLY COME TOGETHER IN THE GREAT MAHDI AND THE COLLECTIVE PERSONALITY OF HIS COMMUNITY, WHO REPRESENT THE LUMINOUS COMMUNITY OF THE DESCENT OF OUR PROPHET (SAAS).** Infinite thanks to Almighty Allah that in this century, He made the collective personality of truth of the Treatise of Light, and its followers carry out the duty of renovation for the preservation of the truth of faith; forty thousands of men testify that for twenty years, with its effective and invasive publishing in that blessed duty, it has fully counteracted against the quite horrible and strong attack of irreligion and perversion, and has spared the faith of hundreds of thousands of believers.

He says, “But my weak and poor person should not be pointed as such that it can take on [that] load of thousands- fold heavier than its capability” and he sends greetings to you. We, on the other hand, salute you and those who are involved with the Treatise of Light.” (*Kastamonu Addendum*, p. 148)

THE GREAT MAHDI WILL WORK IN THE SPHERES OF POLITICS, GOVERNANCE AND RELIGION

Nineteenth matter

In the narrations, there are various different prophecies about the MAHDI (AS), WHO IS ONE OF THE SIGNS OF THE END OF TIME AND WILL BE FROM THE FAMILY OF THE PROPHET (SAAS). In fact, some scholars and saints stated long ago that he had appeared in the past.

One of the explanations of these different narrations is this; Allah knows the best: **MAHDI WILL HAVE NUMEROUS DUTIES. HE WILL BE ACTIVE IN MANY SPHERES SUCH AS THE POLITICAL SPHERE, THE SPHERE OF RELIGION, THE SPHERE OF AUTHORITY, AND IN THE SPHERES OF STRUGGLE.** Similarly, since at times of despair in every century there is a need for the likelihood that a Mahdi, or a kind of Mahdi will come to their assistance to reinforce spiritual power, by Allah's mercy, a kind of Mahdi (descended from the line of the Prophet (saas)) has come in every age, and maybe every century, and protected the path described and revealed by the Holy



Qur'an and revived it. The narrations about the Mahdi are various because Muhammad (saas) saw persons who would perform some of the Great Mahdi's works; for example, the 'Abbasid Mahdi in the world of politics, and Gawth al-A'zam, Shah Naqshband, the four spiritual poles [who are sayyids], and Twelve Imams in the world of religion. For this reason, some of the people of truth said that he had already appeared in the past. Anyway, since this matter has been explained in the Treatise of Light, we refer discussion of it to that, and herein only say this; there is no family in the world so mutually supportive, nor a tribe in such agreement, nor so **ENLIGHTENED A COMMUNITY OR SOCIETY AS THE FAMILY, TRIBE, COMMUNITY AND SOCIETY OF THE PROPHET'S FAMILY.**

YES, THE PROPHET'S FAMILY HAS RAISED HUNDREDS OF SACRED HEROES, AND PRODUCED THOUSANDS OF SPIRITUAL LEADERS OF THE ISLAMIC COMMUNITY, AND HAS BEEN NURTURED WITH THE LEAVEN OF THE REALITY OF THE QUR'AN AND THE LIGHT OF BELIEF AND HONOR OF ISLAM, AND HAS THUS BEEN PERFECTED. IT IS THEREFORE TOTALLY REASONABLE THAT THROUGH REVIVING THE SHARI'A OF MUHAMMAD (SAAS) AND HIS SUNNAH AND THE REALITY OF THE QUR'AN AT THE END OF TIME, AND PROCLAIMING THEM AND PUTTING THEM INTO PRACTICE, THEY SHOULD DISPLAY TO THE WORLD THE PERFECT JUSTICE AND VERACITY OF THE GREAT MAHDI, THEIR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. THIS IS ALSO BOTH NECESSARY AND ESSENTIAL AND DEMANDED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN SOCIETY. (Flashes, pp.592-593)

REFERENCES TO “THE TRUE DAWN” AND “THE FALSE DAWN” INDICATE THE 1980S

Moreover, the veils that have eclipsed the sun of Islam, hindered its emergence and prevented it from illuminating mankind have begun to disperse. Those things that were hindering it have begun to fall back. **THEN THE TRUE DAWN BROKE IN SEVENTY ONE (HIJRI 1371/1951 A.D.), OR IT WILL BREAK. EVEN IF IT IS THE FALSE DAWN, IN THIRTY OR FORTY YEARS’ TIME (HIJRI 1401/HIJRI 1401- 1991 A.D.) THE TRUE DAWN WILL BREAK.** (Bediuzzaman Said Nursi, The Damascus Sermon, p. 23)

The True Dawn- Second lightening that begins to spread after al-Fajr al-Kazib

The False Dawn - the initial redness on horizon that appears towards the morning

$$1371 + 30 = 1401 = 1981$$

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For sure, maybe not now (*AFTER H. 1371*) but **IN THIRTY TO FORTY YEARS’ TIME**, in order to fully equip to perfection the three forces of science, true knowledge [acquired through arts, science and skills] and the virtues of civilization, and to overcome those nine obstacles, the desire to search for the truth, equity, and love of humanity will be dispatched to the fronts of those nine enemy squadrons. They have already started to drive them back. Allah willing, **IN HALF A CENTURY** they will scatter them completely. (*The Damascus Sermon*, p. 25)

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$$\text{HALF A CENTURY LATER: } 1371 + 50 = 1421 = 2001$$

“FLOWERS COME IN SPRING, WE MUST PAVE THE WAY FOR SUCH SACRED BLOOMS”

Fifth reason: Long ago, I heard from one of the learned that; an individual drew a meaning from the hidden signs of the elders and concluded that: **“A light will appear from the East and will disperse all the superstitions that would subsequently interpolate into the religion.”** I have much observed and observe the appearance of such a light. **BUT FLOWERS APPEAR IN SPRING. THE GROUND NEEDS TO BE PREPARED FOR SUCH SACRED BLOOMS. AND WE UNDERSTOOD THAT WITH OUR SERVICE WE ARE PAVING THE GROUND FOR THOSE ONES HAVING LIGHT.”** Since it is not of our own doing; surely, there could be no means of pride and gratification in declaring the Divine aid regarding the Lights entitled Words; may be it would be a means of being grateful and recounting the blessings. (*The Seal of the Unseen Universe*, 189; *Letters*, 34)



HAZRAT MAHDI (AS) WILL ELIMINATE THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE COMMITTEE OF SUFYAN

The Second Sign, that is, the Sixth Sign

THE MAHDI'S luminous community will repair the destruction of the superstitious regime of the society of the Sufyan, and will restore the Prophet's glorious Sunnah. That is to say, the society of the Sufyan will try to destroy the Shari'a of Muhammad (saas) in the world of Islam with the intention of denying his Prophethood, and will be killed and routed by the miraculous spiritual sword of the Mahdi's community. Moreover, in the world of humanity, the secret society of the antichrist will overturn civilization and subvert all mankind's sacred matters, with the intention of denying the Godhead. A zealous and self-sacrificing community known as a Christian community but worthy of being called "Muslim Christians," will merge the true religion of Jesus with the reality of Islam, and will kill [spiritually] and rout that society of the antichrist under the leadership of Jesus (as), thus saving humanity from atheism.

This important mystery is very lengthy. Since we have discussed it briefly in other places, here we make do with this indication. (*Letters*, p.424)

THE GREAT MAHDI WILL BE CONFUSED WITH THE PAST MAHDIS

And, for example, it is well-known that when the Islamic antichrist dies, the satan who serves him will shout out the news to the whole world from 'Dikili Tas', the obelisk in Istanbul, and everyone will hear its voice saying that he is dead. That is to say, the news will be broadcast by radio, which is wonderful and leaves even satans in amazement. Also, since the strange circumstances and fearsome activities of the antichrist's regime, and the covert organization and government that he founds, have been narrated as referring to his person, their true meaning has remained obscure. For example, "He will be so powerful and long-lived that only Jesus (as) will be able to destroy his work and his savage regime and kill him [intellectually eliminate it]; nothing else will be able to." **That is, it will only be a revealed, elevated, pure religion that will be able to overturn his way and rapacious regime, and eliminate them. Such a religion will emerge among the true followers of Jesus (as), and it will follow the Qur'an and become united with it. On the descent of Jesus (as) and the emergence of the true Christian religion, the antichrist's irreligious way will be wiped out and will cease. The antichrist's person could otherwise be killed by a mere germ or by influenza.**

Also, the explanations and statements of some narrators, made through their own exertions and interpretations, which are open to error, have been mixed up with the words of the Hadith. Their words have been supposed to be part of the Hadith, and the meaning has thus been obscured. It does not appear to conform with reality and in a way has become allegorical.

Also, in early times the social collectivity and its collective personality had not developed as it has at the present and the

idea of the isolated individual was predominant; the extensive attributes and widescale actions of the community, therefore, were ascribed to the persons who led them. In order to be worthy and fitting for superhuman, universal attributes, those persons had to have gigantic bodies and be of vast stature and have colossal power and strength a hundred times surpassing their own, so that is how they were depicted. This was not compatible with reality, and the narration thus became allegorical.

ALSO, ALTHOUGH THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND ATTRIBUTES OF THE TWO ANTICHRISTS DIFFER FROM EACH OTHER, THEY HAVE BEEN CONFUSED IN NARRATIONS THAT HAVE COME DOWN TO US IN ABSOLUTE FORM; ONE HAS BEEN SUPPOSED TO BE THE OTHER. ALSO, THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE GREAT MAHDI DO NOT FIT THE NARRATIONS ALLUDING TO THE EARLIER MAHDIS, and these have become allegorical Hadiths. Imam 'Ali mentions only the Islamic antichrist.

This marks the end of the Introduction. Now we embark on the 'Matters'. (*Flashes*, pp. 583-584)



HAZRAT MAHDI (AS) WILL DULY APPRECIATE THE TREATISE OF LIGHT

One of them is the Treatise of Light. And the other is its interpreter.

The Treatise of Light deserves much more of your good views about it because it is a spiritual miracle of the Qur'an that has infinite wisdom and benefits in each one of its verses and the surahs. **I am of the conviction that HAZRAT MAHDI (AS), WHO WILL COME AT THE END TIMES, will duly appreciate it.**

-This statement of Bediuzzaman exists in the manuscript of the Emirdag Addendum.

BEDIUZZAMAN SAYS THAT HAZRAT MAHDI (AS) WILL COME A CENTURY AFTER HIM

Secondly: I examined the pages between one hundred and five to one hundred and nine of that published work carefully. At that time while I was lecturing and meanwhile answering some questions, an important saint was among them. I was also not aware about this situation. He objected severely, and said:

"You exaggerate; you see some imaginary facts and meanwhile insult us. It is the End Times and it will get worse."

Then the answer was given in that published book as follows: While the world is a place of advancement for everyone; is it a place of decline solely for us? Is that it? Here, I will also not speak to you. I will turn to that side and speak to those people in the future:

"O you SAID, HAMZA, OMAR, UTHMAN, YUSUF, AHMAD ETC., WHO, HIDING BEFORE THE EXALTED CENTURY, **FROM ONE HUNDRED, even three hundred years**

LATER FROM NOW (in some of the websites, the phrase "one hundred" is totally omitted from this expression and thus solely the phrase "three hundred years" remains.),

**LISTEN TO MY WORDS IN SILENCE
AND WATCH ME IN ADMIRATION WITH
A GLANCE OF A SCHOLAR WHO IS
FULLY AWARE OF THE UNSEEN; you are
the ones to whom I ADDRESS. FROM THE
BROOKS OF THE PAST CALLED HISTORY, I
AM SPEAKING TO YOU OVER THE WIRE-
LESS TELEGRAPH EXTENDING TO YOUR
ELEVATED FUTURE. WHAT SHOULD I**



DO?; I WAS HASTY, I CAME IN WINTER. YOU WILL, INSHA'ALLAH, COME IN A PARADISE-LIKE SPRING. THE SEEDS OF LIGHT SOWN NOW WILL OPEN AS FLOWERS IN YOUR GROUND.

Now I ask from you; during the time you pass over the territory of the past, stop by my grave. Put a few of those flowers on the top of my gravestone, which is the custodian of that earth that hosts my bones. That is to say, as it is stated in the Thirteenth Request of the Letter of the Elderly, as a portent of the greatest grave, that grand Van castle became a gravestone for that exalted grave, referring to the demise of my Horhor madrassah which is under the Van castle, and the old school of Madrasat az-Zahra, and the demise of all the madrasahs in Anatolia with their closures. IT MEANS, "O! THOSE WHO WILL COME A CENTURY FROM NOW! "MAKE A FLOWER OF A MADRASSAH OF LIGHT ON THE TOP OF THAT FORTRESS. BUILD THE MADRASSAH AZ-ZAHRA, WHICH HAS NOT REVIVED IN THE PHYSICAL SENSE, BUT WHICH, IN THE SPIRITUAL SENSE, LIVES ETERNALLY AND AMONG A WIDE COMMUNITY, IN ITS PHYSICAL FORM." INDEED, THE OLD SAID SPENT A GREAT PART OF HIS LIFE WITH THE DREAM OF THAT MADRASSAH AND, BETWEEN THE PAGES OF 147 AND 157 OF THAT PUBLISHED LETTER, WROTE IMPORTANT TRUTHS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THAT MADRASAH AZ-ZAHRA AND ITS BENEFITS. (*Emirdag Addendum*, pp.

98, 99)

Response: You could only receive only one part of the ten parts, for the poor constitutional monarchy fears the savage bears, the dragon of ignorance, the wolves of enmity in your scary, steep mountains and streams that nurse ignorance and enmity; it does not dare to come quite easily. **IF YOU REMAIN LAZY AND DOES NOT OPEN THE WAY FOR IT, IF YOU LAZE ABOUT, A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW, YOU WILL SEE HIS FACE ENTIRELY, FOR THE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU AND ISTANBUL IS THE DISTANCE OF A MONTH;** but the distance between you and the people of the constitutional monarchy is more than a thousand months. You resemble the people of the old times. Even if that gentle constitutional monarchy can get rid of the snakes in Istanbul, and while covering that long way, manages to travel over a tremendous marsh like ignorance, frightening deserts like poverty, huge mountains like enmity, it will [ultimately] encounter bandits. In brief, those who can not tolerate their penalty, those whose teeth had been pulled because they eat the flesh of the other and those who attach a meaning similar to a renowned bakhtashi, appear on the road and hijack. On the other side of that road, there are some jabberers; under some pretexts, they want to tear everything apart. Then make him a way or a balloon for him. (*Declarations and Illumination*, pp. 75, 76)

BEDIUZZAMAN NEVER ACCEPTED THE TITLE OF MAHDI

THE INDICTMENT CONTAINS FOUR BASIC POINTS CONCERNING ME:

First Point: I consider myself to be a reviver of religion, as though I was proud and self-seeking.

I reject this with all my strength. Moreover, all my brothers will testify that I have never accepted anyone's suggestion that I was the Mahdi. In fact, when the experts' committee of Denizli Court said "If Said was to declare himself Mahdi, all his students would accept it," Said stated in his objections, saying: "I am not a Sayyid, and the Mahdi will be a Sayyid," thus refuting them. (Flashes, 14th Flash, p. 387)



THE PROPHET JESUS (AS) WILL PRAY BEHIND HAZRAT MAHDI (AS)

Thirteenth matter

There is a definite, sound narration which says: "Jesus (as) will kill the Great antichrist [intellectually eliminate it]."22 The knowledge is with Allah, and there are two aspects to this:

The First Aspect: **It could only be a wondrous person with the power of miracles who could kill and change the way of the fearsome antichrist, who will preserve himself through wonders, bestowed on him by Allah in order to lead him astray, such as magic, hypnotic powers, and spiritualism, and will spellbind everyone. AND THAT PERSON WILL BE JESUS (AS), WHO IS THE PROPHET OF THE MAJORITY OF MANKIND, AND WHOM MOST PEOPLE FOLLOW.**

The Second Aspect is this: It will be the truly pious followers of Jesus (as) who will kill [spiritually] the gigantic collective personality of materialism and irreligion which the antichrist will form -for the antichrist will be killed by Jesus' (as) sword, and destroy his ideas and disbelief, which are atheistic. Those truly pious Christians will blend the essence of true Christianity with the essence of Islam and rout the antichrist with their combined strength, in effect, killing him. The narration: **"JESUS (AS) WILL COME AND WILL PERFORM THE OBLIGATORY PRAYERS BEHIND THE MAHDI AND FOLLOW HIM,"** ALLUDES TO THIS UNION, AND TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE QUR'AN AND OF ITS BEING FOLLOWED. (*Flashes, 5th Flash, p.589*)

SOME FOLLOWERS OF LIGHT ARE MISTAKEN IN COMMENTING MERELY BASED ON THE FIRST DUTY OF HAZRAT MAHDI (AS)

First of all: I very carefully studied this letter, which is a strong evidence and witness of the Ratifying Stamp of the Unseen, and which was written by Hasan Feyzi, Husrev and Mehmed Feyzi of Aydın, and the spiritual lawyer of the Treatise of Light, Ahmed Feyzi, for three years after very meticulous and masterful works to work out information related to the unknown. And I said, Masha'Allah and BarakAllah, with great surprise and appreciation, as I saw that it was a very meticulous work and it proved the value of the Treatise of Light perfectly, with the verses and hadiths. But still, it needs elaboration to a degree, it is the truth itself. However, as to Said, there are favorable assumptions, particularly in the footnotes of the final part, which made me look like hundred times more valuable than I really am, which is a distortion of the truth.

Yes, both the Ratifying Stamp of the Unseen and the verses and hadiths altogether refer to a luminous truth in this century, and since this century and this time is that of communities, collective personality can rule. Particularly, in spiritual tasks, the importance of physical individuals is little, and mountainous tasks cannot be expected to be carried out by those weak people. **Some verses and hadiths POINTS TO A GREAT MUJADDID (REVIVER) THAT WILL COME IN THE END TIMES. However, since the collective personality of the Treatise of Light and its followers fully performed one of the three tasks of that person who will come, which is saving the faith and showing the signs leading to faith like the sun, while actually being the most important task but seemingly the most minor one, some-**

times they tried to attribute the indications and signs of that person who will come to the collective personality and even sometimes to the translator of the Treatise of Light, and did not take into account the two important tasks, which is reviving the law of Islam and practicing caliphate, both of which have a very wide effect. Their opinions are useful for them in that it helps them benefit from the Treatise of Light better, and they are harmless; however they harm the pure sincerity of Light's task and its not being instrumental to anything and not seeking any worldly or spiritual titles or ranks while leading to criticism and attacks by all parties hostile to the followers of Light, particularly by the politicians. That's why I partly amended this letter written by our very meticulously working brother by removing a part of it and some sentences from it. You completed the amendment, and I sent it to you. Have it printed at the end of the Tilsimlar Magazine. As for the remaining part, we will remove the section about me and amend the other parts and, insha'Allah, will send to you. (*Tilsimlar Magazine's Addendum, Ma'idat al-Qur'an Risalat, pp.168-169*)



2.

*Bediuzzaman
Describes
How the
Prophet Jesus (as)
will Appear in Person,
After Him and
in the Time of
Hazrat Mahdi (as)*

THE PROPHET JESUS (AS) WHO IS NOW IN THE PRESENCE OF ALLAH WILL APPEAR IN PERSON AND ASSUME LEADERSHIP OF THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

THE MEANING OF YOUR FOURTH QUESTION

After Jesus (as) kills the antichrist [intellectually eliminate it] at the end of time, most people will enter the true religion. But it says in some narrations: "The end of the world will not occur so long as there remain on the earth those who say, "Allah! Allah!"" So how after most people have come to believe, will most people become unbelievers?

The Answer: Those whose belief is weak deem it unlikely that what is narrated in a sound Hadith, "Jesus (as) will come, he will act in accordance with the law of Islam, and he will [spiritually] kill the antichrist," will come about. But if the reality of this is explained, no reason remains to deem it unlikely. It is as follows:

The meaning expressed by this Hadith and those about the Sufyan and the Mahdi, is this: at the end of time two currents of irreligion will gain strength.

One of them: Under the veil of duplicity, a fearsome individual named the Sufyan will deny the messengership of Muhammad (saas), and coming to lead the dissemblers, will try to destroy the Islamic Shari'a. To oppose him, **A LUMINOUS INDIVIDUAL CALLED MUHAMMAD MAHDI OF THE FAMILY OF THE PROPHET** will come to lead the people of sainthood and perfection, who are bound to the luminous chain of the Family of the Prophet (saas), and he **will kill [eliminate intellectually] the current of dis-**

semblers, which will be the collective personality of the Sufyan, and scatter it.

The Second Current: A tyrannical current born of Naturalist and materialist philosophies will gradually become strong and spread at the end of time by means of materialist philosophy, reaching such a degree that it denies divinity, much like a savage who does not recognize the king, or accept that the officers and soldiers in the army are his soldiers, ascribes a sort of kingship and rulership to everyone and to all the soldiers. In just the same way, the members of that current, who deny Allah, each ascribes divinity to his soul like a little Nimrod. And the greatest of them, the antichrist, who will come to lead them, will manifest awesome wonders, a sort of spiritualism and hypnosis; he will go even further, and imagining his tyrannical, superficial rule to be a sort of providence, he will proclaim his godhead. It is clear just what foolish buffoonery it is for impotent man, who may be defeated by a fly and cannot create even a fly's wing, to claim godhead.

At that point **when the current appears to be very strong, the religion of true Christianity, which comprises the collective personality of Jesus (as), will emerge. THAT IS, IT WILL DESCEND FROM THE SKIES OF DIVINE MERCY.**

Present Christianity will be purified in the face of that reality; it will cast off superstition and distortion, and unite with the truths of Islam. Christianity will, in effect, be transformed into a sort of Islam. Following the Qur'an, the collective personality of Christianity will be in the rank of follower, and Islam, in that of leader. True religion will become a mighty force as a result of its joining it. Although defeated before the atheistic current while separate, **CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM WILL HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO DEFEAT AND ROUT IT AS A RESULT OF THEIR UNION. THEN THE PERSON OF JESUS (AS), WHO IS PRESENT WITH HIS HUMAN**

BODY IN THE WORLD OF THE HEAVENS, WILL COME TO LEAD THE CURRENT OF TRUE RELIGION, as, relying on the promise of One Powerful Over All Things, the Bringer of Sure News has said. Since **HE HAS TOLD OF IT, IT IS TRUE, AND SINCE THE ONE POWERFUL OVER ALL THINGS HAS PROMISED IT, HE WILL CERTAINLY BRING IT ABOUT.**

Indeed, it is not far from the wisdom of an All-Wise One of Glory, Who all the time sends the angels to the earth from the heavens, sometimes in human form (like Gabriel appearing in the form of Dihya), and sends spirit beings from the Spirit World making them appear in human form, and even sends the spirits of most of the dead saints to the world with similitudes of their bodies, **IT WOULD NOT BE FAR FROM HIS WISDOM -EVEN IF HE WAS NOT ALIVE AND PRESENT WITH HIS BODY IN THE SKIES OF THE WORLD, AND HAD TRULY DIED AND DEPARTED FOR THE FURTHEST CORNER OF THE HEREAFTER- TO CLOTHE JESUS (AS) IN HIS BODY AND SEND HIM TO THE WORLD, SO TO BRING THE RELIGION OF JESUS TO A GOOD CONCLUSION;** for such a momentous result. Indeed He promised it because His wisdom required it to be thus, and since He promised it, He will most certainly send him.

When Jesus (as) comes, it is not necessary that everyone should know him to be the true Jesus. His elect and those close to him will recognize him through the light of belief. It will not be self-evident so that everyone will recognize him. (*The Letters, 15th Letter, pp. 52-54*)

**THE PROPHET JESUS (AS) WILL BE
PERSONALLY INSTRUMENTAL IN THE
INTELLECTUAL ELIMINATION OF IRRELIGION
AND IN CHRISTIANS' BECOMING MUSLIMS**

The Third Level of Life is that of Enoch and Jesus (as) which, being removed from the requirements of humanity, rises to an angelic level of life and acquires a luminous fineness. Quite simply, Enoch and **JESUS ARE PRESENT IN THE HEAVENS WITH THEIR EARTHLY BODIES**, which have the subtlety of bodies from the World of Similitudes and the luminosity of star-like bodies. **THE HADITH THE MEANING OF WHICH IS, "AT THE END OF TIME, JESUS (AS) WILL COME AND WILL ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SHARI'A OF MUHAMMAD (SAAS),"** indicates that at the end of time the religion of Christianity will be purified and divest itself of superstition in the face of the current of unbelief and atheism born of the Naturalist philosophy, and **will be transformed into Islam**. At this point, the collective personality of Christianity will kill the fearsome collective personality of irreligion with the sword of heavenly Revelation; so too, **REPRESENTING THE COLLECTIVE PERSONALITY OF CHRISTIANITY, JESUS (AS) WILL KILL [SPIRITUALLY] THE ANTICHRIST, WHO REPRESENTS THE COLLECTIVE PERSONALITY OF IRRELIGION, THAT IS, HE WILL KILL ATHEISTIC THOUGHT** [he will intellectually eliminate it]. (*The Letters, First Letter, p. 22*)

THE PROPHET JESUS (AS) WILL PERSONALLY BE AT THE HEAD OF HIS FOLLOWERS

SIXTH SIGN

The Mahdi's luminous community will repair the destruction of the innovative regime of the secret society of the Sufyan, and will restore the Prophet's glorious Sunnah. That is to say, the secret society of the Sufyan will try to destroy the Shari'a of Muhammad (saas) in the World of Islam with the intention of denying his Prophethood, and will be killed and routed by the miraculous immaterial sword of the Mahdi's community.

Moreover, in the world of humanity, the secret society of the antichrist will overturn civilization and subvert all mankind's sacred matters, with the intention of denying the godhead. **A zealous and self-sacrificing community known as a Christian community but worthy of being called "Muslim Christians," will merge the true religion of Jesus with the reality of Islam, and will kill and rout that society of the antichrist UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF JESUS (AS) [under the command of Jesus in person it will be killed and routed intellectually],** thus saving humanity from atheism. (*Letters / 29th Letter - Seventh Section - p.516*)



THE PROPHET JESUS (AS) WILL APPEAR IN PERSON AND ABIDE BY THE PRACTICE OF OUR PROPHET (SAAS)

Christianity will either erupt, or being purified, will lay down its arms before Islam. Christianity was split apart several times, and Protestantism emerged. Then Protestantism was rent, and approached the true affirmation of Divine Unity. It is preparing to be rent again. It will either erupt and be extinguished, or it will see before it the truths of Islam, which encompass the basis of true Christianity, and it will lay down its arms.

THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (SAAS) ALLUDED TO THIS GREAT MYSTERY WHEN HE SAID: "JESUS WILL APPEAR HAVING DESCENDED FROM THE SKIES; HE WILL BE OF MY COMMUNITY AND WILL ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY SHARI'A." (*The Letters, Seeds of Reality*, p. 544)

WHEN THE PROPHET JESUS (AS) COMES HE WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY THE LIGHT OF FAITH

This Fifth Ray contains an Introduction and twenty-three "Matters." The Introduction consists of five "Points."

First Point: Since belief and accountability are a test, a trial, a competition within the bounds of man's will, theoretical issues that are obscure, profound, and in need of careful study and experiment cannot be obvious. They should not be so compelling that everyone has to affirm them willy-nilly. For in this way the Abu Bakr's may rise to the highest of the high and the Abu Jahl's descend to the lowest of the low. If there is no will, there is no accountability. It is because of this mystery and wisdom that miracles are displayed only rarely, and in this realm of accountability, like some allegorical verses of the Qur'an, the signs of the end of the world, which will be visible and seen, are obscure and open to interpretation. Since when the sun rises in the west it will be so clear everyone will be compelled to affirm it, the door of repentance will be closed and repentance and belief will no longer be accepted. For the Abu Bakr's and the Abu Jahl's will be equal in their affirmation of it. **IN FACT, ALTHOUGH WHEN JESUS (AS) COMES HE HIMSELF WILL KNOW HE IS JESUS, NOT EVERYONE WILL KNOW.** Similarly, fearsome figures such as the antichrist and Sufyan will not know themselves to be such. (*The Rays / 5th Ray - p.98*)

IRRELIGION WILL BE INTELLECTUALLY ELIMINATED THROUGH THE PROPHET JESUS (AS) AND HIS COMMUNITY

And, for example, it is well-known that when the Islamic antichrist dies, the satan who serves him will shout out the news to the whole world from 'Dikili Tas,' the obelisk in Istanbul, and everyone will hear its voice saying that he is dead. That is to say, the news will be broadcast by radio, which is wonderful and leaves even the satans in amazement.

Also, since the strange circumstances and fearsome activities of the antichrist's regime, and the covert organization and government that he founds have been narrated as referring to his person, their true meaning has remained obscure. For example, "**HE WILL BE SO POWERFUL AND LONG-LIVED THAT ONLY JESUS (AS) WILL BE ABLE TO KILL [SPIRITUALLY] HIM; NOTHING ELSE WILL BE ABLE TO.**" That is, it will only be a revealed, elevated, pure religion that will be able to overturn his way and rapacious regime, and eliminate them. Such a religion will emerge among the true followers of Jesus (as), and it will follow the Qur'an and become united with it. **ON THE COMING OF JESUS (AS) AND EMERGENCE OF THE TRUE CHRISTIAN RELIGION, THE ANTICHRIST'S IRRELIGIOUS WAY WILL BE WIPED OUT AND WILL CEASE.** (*The Rays, 5th Ray, p. 101*)

THE PROPHET JESUS (AS) WILL PERSONALLY BRING ABOUT THE INTELLEC- TUAL END OF THE WAY OF THE ANTICHRIST

THIRTEENTH MATTER: There is a definite, sound narra-
tion which says: "Jesus (as) will kill the Great antichrist [intel-
lectually eliminate it]." *The knowledge is with Allah*, there are two
aspects to this:

The First Aspect: It could only be a wondrous person with
the power of miracles who could kill and change the way of the
fearsome antichrist, who will preserve himself through wonders,
bestowed on him by Allah in order to lead him astray, such as
magic, hypnotic powers, and spiritualism, and will spellbind
everyone. **AND THAT PERSON WILL BE JESUS (AS), WHO
IS THE PROPHET OF THE MAJORITY OF MANKIND, AND
WHOM MOST PEOPLE FOLLOW.** (*The Rays, 5th Ray , Second
Station, p. 108*)



**THE FACT THAT THE PROPHET JESUS (AS) WILL
PRAY BEHIND HAZRAT MAHDI (AS) SHOWS
THAT THE WHOLE WORLD WILL BE MUSLIM
AND THAT THE PROPHET JESUS (AS)
WILL FOLLOW HAZRAT MAHDI (AS)**

The Second Aspect is this: It will be the truly pious followers of Jesus (as) who will kill [intellectually] the gigantic collective personality of materialism and irreligion which the antichrist will form -for the antichrist will be killed by Jesus' (as) sword [of knowledge]- and destroy his ideas and disbelief, which are atheistic. Those truly pious Christians will blend the essence of true Christianity with the essence of Islam and rout the antichrist with their combined strength, in effect killing him [spiritually]. **THE NARRATION:** "JESUS (AS) WILL COME AND WILL PERFORM THE OBLIGATORY PRAYERS BEHIND THE MAHDI AND FOLLOW HIM," ALLUDES TO THIS UNION, AND TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE QUR'AN AND ITS BEING FOLLOWED. (*The Rays, 5th Ray, Second Station, p. 108*)

THE PROPHET JESUS' (AS) COMMUNITY WILL BE A VERY SMALL ONE

Sixteenth Matter: It says in a narration in connection with Jesus' (as) killing [intellectually] the antichrist: "The antichrist will have a colossal form, he will be extraordinarily big and taller than a minaret, while Jesus (as) will be very small in comparison." None knows the Unseen save God, thus one interpretation must be as follows: it is an allusion and sign that quantitatively the spiritual community of mujahidên who will recognize Jesus (as) and follow him, **will be very few and small comparatively to the 'scientific', physical armies of the dajjal in terms of schools and soldiers.** (*The Rays, 5th Ray, Second Station, pp. 109-110*)



**THE PROPHET JESUS (AS) WILL
CERTAINLY RETURN IN PERSON, BUT THE
PARALLEL MEANINGS OF THE HADITHS
ALSO POINT TO MANY TRUTHS**

SINCE THE MEANING OF HADITH ABOUT THE APPEARANCE OF JESUS (AS) IN THE END TIMES AND HIS SLAYING [SPIRITUALLY] OF THE ANTICHRIST IS NOT PROPERLY UNDERSTOOD, SOME SUPERFICIAL TEACHERS HAVE LOOKED AT THE SUPERFICIAL ASPECTS OF THESE ACCOUNTS AND HADITH AND FALLEN INTO SKEPTICISM, OR ELSE THEY HAVE DENIED THEIR SOUNDNESS, OR HAVE ATTACHED A NONSENSICAL MEANING TO THEM, GIVING THEM AN ABSURD FORM AND HARMING THE WORLD OF ISLAM. Atheists, on the other hand, attack and mock the truths of Islam by misinterpreting these hadith that look irrational on the surface. The Treatise of Light has shown the true meaning of such allegorical hadith through the riches of the Qur'an. I declare the following single instance as an example:

At the time of Jesus' (as) struggle with the antichrist, when Jesus (as) slays him [spiritually] he will jump ten yards (5 meters) up in the air but only be able to plunge his sword in his knee, and the antichrist will be ten or twenty times taller than Jesus (as). This account's superficial meaning is incompatible with the secret of the test, but favors the law of Allah currently in force. Yet in order to silence those unbelievers who imagine that this account, **this hadith is - may Allah forbid- adversary and superstition and to warn those superficial hodjas who believes only in the truth itself, those even though they have seen some of the truths in that hadith with their own eyes, still hopefully await, that this hadith with**

numerous meanings had been realized in one respect in this period with the same truths and in complete compliance as the truth itself.

YES, AS THE HADITHS SAY, THE HEAVENLY APPEARANCE OF THE PROPHET JESUS (AS) IS CERTAIN; BUT IN THE SAME WAY THEIR FIGURATIVE MEANINGS POINT TO OTHER TRUTHS, THEY ALSO MIRACULOUSLY INDICATE THIS TRUTH. (*Kastamonu Addendum, A Truth Indicated More Than Once, p. 53-54*)

“WE ARE AWAITING THE COMING OF THE PROPHET JESUS (AS)”

(From a Letter to the Master from brother Husrev)

Second: Your humble servant Husrev said this when speaking with Mr. Re’fet the day before the arrival of this message: “Dear Re’fet! **WE AWAIT THE COMING OF THE PROPHET JESUS (AS). IT MUST BE SUCH THAT THIS GREAT PROPHET WILL APPEAR AT THE HEAD OF A MOVEMENT ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE FAITH; AND THAT NATION WILL BE A MUSLIM ONE.** That is what I understand our dear Master’s last letters to mean. **My hope on this matter is strong. Insha’Allah, that is how it will be,” I said.** (*The Ratifying Stamp of the Unseen*, 27. *Important Extracts from the Letter’s Addendum*, p. 43)



THE PROPHET JESUS (AS) WILL COME AND WILL BE ONE OF THE COMMUNITY OF OUR PROPHET (SAAS)

Question: Will Christianity not prevent the spreading of Islam in the future?

The Answer: Christianity will either erupt, or being purified, will lay down its arms before Islam. Christianity was split apart several times, and Protestantism emerged. Then Protestantism was rent, and approached the true affirmation of Divine Unity. It is preparing to be rent again. It will either erupt and be extinguished, or it will see before it the truths of Islam, which encompass the basis of true Christianity, and it will lay down its arms.

HUMANITY CAN NOT BE WITHOUT FAITH! THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (SAAS) ALLUDED TO THIS GREAT MYSTERY WHEN HE SAID: "JESUS WILL APPEAR HAVING DESCENDED FROM THE SKIES; HE WILL BE OF MY COMMUNITY AND WILL ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY SHARI'A." (The Letters, Seeds Of Reality, p. 544)



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*Throughout
the Damascus Sermon
There is Mention
of the Unity of Islam
and the Reign of the
Morality of Islam*

THE FUTURE SHALL BE ISLAM'S ALONE

First Word: The first word is 'hope;' that is, to nurture a strong hope of Allah's mercy. As a consequence of the lesson I have learnt on my own account, I say: O congregation of Muslims! I give you this good news: the first signs of the true dawn of Arab happiness are just appearing. This happiness will occur through the kindling of the worldly happiness of all Muslims, in particular that of the Ottomans, and especially through the progress of Islam. The emergence of the sun of happiness has drawn close. In order to rub despair's nose in the dust, I say what is my firm conviction so that the world will hear:

THE FUTURE SHALL BE ISLAM'S AND ISLAM'S ALONE. AND ITS RULER SHALL BE THE TRUTHS OF THE QUR'AN AND BELIEF. (p. 20-21)

30-40 YEARS AFTER HIJRI 1371 (HIJRI 1401) THE DAWN WILL APPEAR

Conclusion: We Muslims, who are students of the Qur'an, follow proof; we approach the truths of belief through reason, thought, and our hearts. We do not abandon proof in favor of imitation of the clergy, like some adherents of other religions. Therefore, in the future when reason, science and technology prevail, of a certainty that will be the time **the Qur'an will gain ascendancy**, which relies on rational proofs and invites the reason to confirm its pronouncements. Moreover, the veils that have eclipsed the sun of Islam, hindered its emergence and prevented it illuminating mankind have begun to disperse. Those things that were hindering it have begun to fall back. **The signs of the dawn appeared forty-five years ago. THEN THE TRUE DAWN APPEARED FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO. THEN THE TRUE DAWN BROKE IN 1371/1951, OR IT WILL BREAK. EVEN IF IT IS A FALSE DAWN, IN THIRTY OR FORTY YEARS' TIME H. 1401 /H.1411- 1981 AD/1991 AD) THE TRUE DAWN WILL BREAK.** (pg. 27)

The False Dawn - the initial redness on horizon that appears towards the morning

The True Dawn- Second light that begins to spread after the False Dawn

$$1371 + 30 = 1401 = 1981$$

$$1371 + 40 = 1411 = 1991$$

For sure, maybe not now (AFTER H. 1371) but **IN THIRTY TO FORTY YEARS' TIME**, in order to fully equip to perfection the three forces of science, true knowledge [acquired through arts, science and skills] and the virtues of civilization, and to overcome those nine obstacles, the desire to search for the truth, equity, and love of humanity will be dispatched to the fronts of those nine enemy squadrons. They have already started to drive them back. Allah willing, **IN HALF A CENTURY** they will scatter them completely. (The Damascus Sermon, p. 25)

$$1371 + 30 = 1401 = 1981$$

$$1371 + 40 = 1411 = 1991$$

$$\text{IN HALF A CENTURY: } 1371 + 50 = 1421 = 2001$$

**THE MORALITY OF ISLAM WILL ABSOLUTELY
TRIUMPH: TRUE CHRISTIANS WILL ALLY
WITH MUSLIMS AND CHRISTIANITY WILL
UNITE WITH ISLAM**

Europe and America are pregnant with Islam; one day they will give birth to an Islamic state. Just as the Ottomans were pregnant with Europe and gave birth to a European state. O my brothers who are here in the Umayyad Mosque and those who are in the mosque of the world of Islam half a century later!

Do the introductory remarks, that is, those made up to here, not point to the conclusion **THAT IT IS ISLAM THAT WILL BE THE TRUE, AND SPIRITUAL, RULER OVER THE FUTURE, AND ONLY ISLAM THAT WILL LEAD MANKIND TO HAPPINESS IN THIS WORLD AND THE NEXT; AND THAT TRUE CHRISTIANITY, STRIPPING AWAY SUPERSTITION AND CORRUPTED BELIEF, WILL BE TRANSFORMED INTO ISLAM, AND FOLLOWING THE QUR'AN, IT WILL UNITE WITH ISLAM?** (p. 32)

JUST AS EVERY WINTER IS FOLLOWED BY SPRING, THE SUN OF ISLAM WILL ABSOLUTELY RISE

How is it that while there are such powerful and unshakable ways and means for the material and moral progress of the believers and people of Islam, and although the road to future happiness has been opened up like a railway, **you despair and fall into hopelessness in the face of the future, and destroy the morale of the Islamic world? In despair and hopelessness you suppose that “the world is the world of progress for Europeans and everyone else,” but “it is the world of decline only for the unfortunate people of Islam!” By saying that you are making a grievous mistake.**

Since the desire to progress and be perfected has been included in the universe and in man's essential nature, for sure, if the Judgment day does not soon engulf mankind as a result of its errors and wrongdoing, **IN THE FUTURE TRUTH AND JUSTICE WILL SHOW THE WAY TO A WORLDLY HAPPINESS IN THE WORLD OF ISLAM, ALLAH WILLING, IN WHICH THERE WILL BE ATONEMENT FOR THE FORMER ERRORS OF MANKIND.**

Consider this: time does not run in a straight line so that its beginning and end draw apart from one another; it moves in a circle, like the motion of the globe of the earth. Sometimes it displays the seasons of spring and summer as progress, and sometimes the seasons of storms and winter as decline.

JUST AS EVERY WINTER IS FOLLOWED BY SPRING AND EVERY NIGHT BY MORNING, MANKIND ALSO SHALL HAVE A MORNING AND A SPRING, ALLAH WILLING. YOU MAY EXPECT FROM DIVINE MERCY TO SEE TRUE CIVILIZATION WITHIN UNIVERSAL PEACE BROUGHT ABOUT THROUGH THE SUN OF THE TRUTH OF ISLAM. (pp. 37-38)

DESPAIR IS THE MOST GRIEVOUS SICKNESS

If the day of Judgment does not take place at the very beginning, **we ask for from the mercy of the All-Merciful, hope and expect that the truth of Islam becomes instrumental in redeeming mankind from its silence in its lowest form, purifying the earth and in the establishment of the peace of the world.**

DESPAIR IS A MOST GRIEVOUS SICKNESS AND IT HAS ENTERED THE HEART OF THE WORLD OF ISLAM. It is despair that has as though killed us, so that a small state of one or two million in the West has made twenty million Muslims in the East its servants and their country, its colony. And it is despair that has killed our high morals, causing us to abandon the public good, has restricted our sight to personal benefits. It is despair too that has destroyed our morale. Although with little power, we were victorious from east to west through the moral strength that arose from belief, but it was destroyed through despair; tyrannical foreigners have made three hundred million Muslims their captives for the last four hundred years.

And because of this despair, Muslims even suppose the

indifference and despondency of others to be an excuse for their own laziness and say: "What is it to me?" Saying, "Everybody is contemptible, like me," they abandon the courageousness of belief and fail to perform their Islamic duties.

Since the sickness of despair has inflicted so much tyranny on us and is killing us, we shall totally shatter it with the verse, "**Do not despair of Allah's mercy**" (Surah Yusuf, 87). Allah willing, we shall destroy it with the truth of the Hadith, "*Even if a thing is not wholly obtained, it should not be wholly left.*"

DESPAIR IS A MOST GRIEVOUS SICKNESS OF COMMUNITIES AND NATIONS, A CANCER. It is against goodness and, opposes the fact, " **Do not despair of solace from Allah. No one despairs of solace from Allah except for people who are disbelievers.**" (Surah Yusuf, 87) It is the quality and pretext of cowards, the base and the impotent. It does not speak of Islamic courage. It cannot be the quality of a people like the Arabs in particular, who among mankind have been privileged with a fine character that is the cause of pride. The nations of the Islamic world have taken lessons from the Arabs' fortitude. **Allah willing, once more the Arabs will give up despair and will stand together with the Turks, who are the heroic army of Islam, and will unfurl the banner of the Qur'an in every part of the world.** (pp. 43-45)



ALL MUSLIMS MUST AVOID SAYING “WHAT IS IT TO ME?” AND MAKE EFFORT FOR THE UNITY OF ISLAM AND THE DOMINATION OF THE MORALITY OF ISLAM

O brothers who are listening to these words of mine here in the Umayyad Mosque! And O Muslim brothers in the mosque of the world of Islam forty to fifty years' later! Do not make apologies, saying: “We do no harm, but neither do we have the power to do anything beneficial; therefore we are excused.” Such an apology is not acceptable.

YOUR LAZINESS AND SAYING, “WHAT IS IT TO ME?”, AND YOUR DISPLAYING NO EFFORT AND NOT GETTING INTO THE WORKING SPIRIT THROUGH ISLAMIC UNITY AND TRUE ISLAMIC BROTHERHOOD, HAVE DONE MUCH DAMAGE AND ARE AN INJUSTICE TO YOU.

Just as bad deeds thus mount to thousands, so also at this time good deeds, that is, good deeds that affect the sacredness of Islam, do not remain restricted to the one who performs them. Indeed, such good deeds may in fact be beneficial to millions of believers; they may strengthen the bonds of moral, spiritual, and material life. **Therefore, this is not the time to cast oneself on the bed of idleness, saying, “What is it to me?”**

We, the Muslim groups who are your unhappy small brothers suffer harm through your idleness and laxity. Especially the Arabs, who are esteemed, numerous, and either have been awakened or will be! First and foremost, I address you with these words. For you are our teachers and leaders, and the teachers and leaders of all the peoples of Islam, and you are the fighters of Islam. It was later that the mighty Turkish nation assisted you in that sacred duty.

With my faulty understanding, I imagine Islamic society at this time in the form of a factory containing many machines. Should any components of the machines fall behind or encroach on another, which is its fellow, the machines cease to function. **THE EXACT TIME FOR ISLAMIC UNITY IS THEREFORE BEGINNING. IT NECESSITATES NOT PAYING ATTENTION TO ONE ANOTHER'S PERSONAL FAULTS.** (pp. 56-58)



THE ISLAMIC UNION IS THE GREATEST OBLIGATION OF THIS AGE

I repeat: the means of unity of the Mohammaden Union, which in reality is Islamic Unity, is Divine Unity. Its oath and pledge is belief. Its membership consists of all believers. Its code of rules are the practices of the Prophet (saas). Its laws are the commands and prohibitions of the Shari'a [the morality of the Qur'an]. **THIS UNION IS NOT A TRADITION BUT A WORSHIP.**

Hiding and fear are both hypocrisy, but there is no hypocrisy in performing the obligatory acts of religion. **THE OBLIGATORY ACT OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE AT THE PRESENT TIME IS ISLAMIC UNITY.** While the aim and goal of Unity is to stir into life the long, many- branched, far-reaching luminous chain which binds together the centers of Islam and their places of worship, to arouse those bound to it, and through the wishes

and promptings of their consciences drive them to the way of progress. **THE WAY OF THIS UNION IS LOVE; ITS ENMITY IS ONLY FOR IGNORANCE, POVERTY, AND STRIFE. NON-MUSLIMS SHOULD FEEL SURE THAT THIS UNION ATTACKS ONLY THOSE THREE ATTRIBUTES. OUR ACTIONS TOWARDS NON-MUSLIMS CONSIST ONLY OF PERSUASION, FOR WE KNOW THEM TO BE CIVILIZED. And we suppose them to be fair-minded, SO WE SHOULD DEMONSTRATE THAT ISLAM IS LOVABLE AND ELEVATED.** The lax and negligent should know that they cannot ingratiate themselves with the non-Muslims by being irreligious, for they only show that they are unprincipled. And no one likes unprincipledness and anarchy. Those who join this Union after due investigation will not leave it by blindly imitating such people. We present to public opinion the ideas, way, and reality of the Mohammaden Union, which is Islamic Unity. If anyone has any objections, let him voice them; we are ready to answer them. (pp. 90-91)

THE RATIONALE “FOREIGNERS WILL NOT ALLOW THE UNITY OF ISLAM TO HAPPEN” IS NOT TRUE. THE REAL OBSTACLE BEFORE THE UNITY OF ISLAM IS IGNORANCE, SEVERE POVERTY AND HYPOCRISY

Fifth Groundless Fear: Is there not the possibility that the Europeans will be perturbed by it?

The Answer: Those who consider this to be a possibility are themselves perturbed. For it is refuted by the Europeans praising Islam in lectures and describing its elevated nature in the very centers of their dogmatism. **Also, it is not they who are our enemies; what has in reality brought us this low is opposition to the Shari’a [the morality of the Qur’an and the sunnah of our Prophet (saas)], which is the result of ignorance, thus preventing us from upholding the Word of Allah; and poverty and its fruits of immorality and bad conduct; and conflict and its products of strife and hatred;** the attacks of our Union are directed at these three ruthless enemies.

The sixth groundless Fear: Some people say that Islamic Unity, which aims to implement the practices of the Prophet (saas), “limits freedom and is opposed to the requirements of civilization.”

The Answer: The true believer is truly free. One who is the slave and servant of the Maker of the world will not condescend to lower himself before His creatures. That is to say, freedom is increased to the degree belief is strengthened. (pp. 96-97)



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Dates Foretold by Bediuzzaman

Bediuzzaman refers to the publication of Darwin's autobiography in 1887 and he says that the prohibition of the Treatise of Light will be lifted, 20 years before it actually happens in 1956 and that the discord will be silenced.

In 1936 he foretells disorder that will cause the worldwide events of 1968 to take place in 30 years' time.

In 1944 he foretells the 12 March [1971] Turkish Coup.

Bediuzzaman draws attention to the years 1979-1980.

References to the years 1981, 1991 and 2001 in the Treatise of Light.

Bediuzzaman's references to the 28 February 1997 military memorandum [Turkey].

References to the year 2004 in the Treatise of Light.

References to the years 2007-2008 in the Treatise of Light.

*Bediuzzaman said that the Day of Reckoning will come in 1545 Hijri (2120 AD)
(Allah knows the truth).*

INTRODUCTION

By looking at the abjad and jifr calculations of the hadiths and verses Bediuzzaman has drawn attention to some certain dates. We can see that all those dates that Bediuzzaman had drawn attention to and explained that might happen 20 years, 30 years, even a century after the time he lived in, have been proven to be true. This is both a great blessing of Allah upon Bediuzzaman Said Nursi and a reason for the love and respect of Muslims.

BEDIUZZAMAN REFERS TO THE PUBLICATION OF DARWIN'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY IN 1887 AND SAYS THAT THE PROHIBITION OF THE TREATISE OF LIGHT WILL BE LIFTED 20 YEARS BEFORE IT HAPPENS, IN 1956, AND THAT DISCORD WILL BE SILENCED.

The Emirdag Addendum was written between the years 1948 and 1952.

**WITH THE ABJAD CALCULATION, BEDIUZZAMAN
DRAWS ATTENTION TO 1887, THE YEAR
DARWIN'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY WAS PUBLISHED
AND SAYS THAT DISCORD WILL START TO BE
COMPLETELY SILENCED IN 1956**

Nowadays while reading the twelveth page, all of a sudden the verse **"The hypocrites are in the lowest level of the Fire."** (Surat an-Nisa', 145) caught my eye. I looked at the previous verses until the verse **"Who could have a better religion than someone who submits himself completely to Allah and is a good-doer, and follows the religion of Abraham, a man of pure natural belief? Allah took Abraham as an intimate friend."** (Surat An-Nisa', 125). I looked at the page at the back, and I saw that there are four verses that refer to the Treatise of Light and those have been explicated in the First Flash. It occurred to my heart; **surely this tremendous verse specifically refers to our age that is gruesome and dark and in extreme dissension as well.** I paid attention to this and I became convinced. One sign of it is this; through the abjad and jifr calculation **"Inna almunafiqeena fee alddarki al-asfali mina alnnari"** (**The hypocrites are in the lowest level of the Fire**) conveniently draws attention exactly to the dates of the four stage of the dissension.

In such a manner that:

If the gemination marks are counted and silent signs and the silent "yaa" in fee is not counted, it makes exactly the year **1362 Hijri (1943 AD)** (*THE YEARS THAT THE MOST VEHEMENT CLASHES OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR TOOK PLACE*) pointing out to this year. If the germination mark in **"mina alnnari" (fire)** is calculated as one "nuun" and one "laam", it makes **1342 Hijri (1924 AD)** (*THE YEARS IN WHICH THE SEPARATIONS, CLASHES AND DISTRESSES STILL CONTINUE AFTER THE FIRST WORLD WAR*) and conveniently signs exactly to the date that resulted the gruesome dissensions of the First World War. If the gemination mark is

taken as two “nuun” letters, and if silent the signs and “yaa” are counted, it makes (Hijri) 1376 (1956-1957 AD), THIS CRUEL DISSENSION (this hypocritical system based on irreligiousness and oppression) WILL BE REACHING THE SILENCE DEGREE (will be silenced) and conveniently it refers to the year 1372 Hijri (1953 AD) that is the jifri calculation of the word “ila az zulumati” (with persecution) which is matched against “Light” in many verses with only four differences. If the silent ones are counted and the germination mark in “mina alnnari” (Fire) is counted as the original lam, I saw that it makes exactly 1306 Hijri (1887 AD) (THE DATE THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF DARWIN WAS PUBLISHED) and draws attention to the date of the vehement storms of disbelief and dissension. Yes, two “ra” 400; three “faa”, two “lam” 300; one “qaaf”, two “nuun” with germination marks 300; one “miim, one “siin” 100; other “miim”, one “yaa”, one “nuun” that makes 100, two “nuun” that makes 100; in total 1300. One “laam”, one “kaaf” 50, “dal” with germination mark 8 and two maddah, two hamzah 4, in total makes 1362. Compare it with the other three. (Emirdag Addendum, pp.34-35)

BEDIUZZAMAN FORETOLD THAT THE PROHIBITION OF THE TREATISE OF LIGHT WILL BE LIFTED IN THE YEAR 1956

In his work known as the Emirdag Addendum, Bediuzzaman has stated that the abjad calculation of the 145th verse of Surat An-Nisa' gives the year "1956".

**"THE HYPOCRITES ARE IN THE LOWEST LEVEL OF
THE FIRE. YOU WILL NOT FIND ANY ONE TO HELP THEM,"**
(Surat an-Nisa', 145)

THE ABJAD CALCULATION OF THE VERSE: THE YEAR 1956 (AD)

... If the gemination mark is taken as two "nuun" letters, and if silent signs and (yaa) are counted, **it makes** (Hijri) 1376 **(1956-1957 AD)**, **THIS CRUEL DISSENSION** (this hypocritical system based on irreligiousness and oppression) **WILL BE REACHING THE SILENCE DEGREE** (will be silenced)... (*Emirdag Addendum, Letter No. 15*)

Another verse of the Qur'an giving an abjad value of the year 1956 is verse 81 of Surah Al'Imran.

**"Remember when Allah made a covenant with the prophets:
"Now that We have given you a share of the Book and Wisdom,
and THEN A MESSENGER COMES TO YOU CONFIRMING
WHAT IS WITH YOU, you must believe in him and help him."**

He asked, "Do you agree and undertake my commission on that condition?" They replied, "We agree." He said, "Bear witness, then. I am with you as one of the witnesses."

(Surah Al 'Imran, 81)

THE ABJAD VALUE OF THE UNDERLINED PART OF THE VERSE: THE YEAR 1956 (AD)

In the First Flash of his book *The Flashes* which he wrote in 1936, Bediuzzaman has once more drawn attention to the events that will take place 20 YEARS after the date he had written the said work, namely in the YEAR 1956.

It suddenly occurred to me that; The secret of these three differences is that the rank of the Treatise of Light is in the third. That means it is not revelation and it cannot be. And it is not even inspiration in general, may be it mostly is intuitions and deductions of the Qur'an that occur in the heart with the abundance and the help of the Qur'an.

It should be paid attention to that in Surah Ghafir, the first (verse) of which is "**Ha mim**", the jifr value of "**Tanzilu Al-Kita-bi Mina Al-Lahi Al-'Azizi Al-Alimi** " (**The revelation of the Book is from Allah, the Almighty, the All-Knowing**) refers to one thousand three hundred and seventy (H.1370- 1951 AD) just like some important verses. **SINCE I DO NOT KNOW IF another light of the Qur'an would appear, OR IF THERE WOULD BE A CONQUEST WITH THE REMARKABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREATISE OF LIGHT IN FIFTEEN TO TWENTY YEARS FROM NOW (THE FIRST FLASH WAS WRITTEN IN 1936, 20 YEARS AFTER THAT WOULD BE 1956, THE DATE THE PROHIBITION ON THE TREATISE OF LIGHT WAS LIFTED), I CANNOT OPEN THAT DOOR.** (*Rays, First Ray, p.615*)

THE FOLLOWER OF THE TREATISE OF LIGHT, AHMED FEYZI KUL HAS ALSO EMPHASIZED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE YEAR 1956

In his "*Ma'ida al-Qur'an wa'l Khazanah al-Burhan*" written in 1950, the follower of Light, Ahmed Feyzi Kul, calculated the abjad values of a number of verses. This work was adopted by Bediuzzaman Said Nursi and added to the end of his "*Tilsimler*

Magazine." The verse in this work giving an abjad value of 1956 AD is verse 68 of Surah Ta Ha.

"We said, 'Have no fear, **SURELY YOU** will have the upper hand'..." (Surah Ta Ha, 68)

**THE ABJAD VALUE OF THE SELECTED PART
IN THIS VERSE: THE YEAR 1956 AD**

The abjad value of the word "**SURELY YOU**" in this verse is 1956 AD.

ANOTHER VERSE OF THE QUR'AN

Do not corrupt the earth after it has been put right. Call on Him fearfully and eagerly. **ALLAH'S MERCY IS CLOSE TO THE GOOD-DOERS.** (Surat Al-A'raf, 56)

**THE ABJAD VALUE OF THE SELECTED PART
IN THIS VERSE: THE YEAR 1956 AD**

Until 1956, it was illegal to possess, read or distribute the Treatise of Light. Around one thousand five hundred public cases were opened against the Treatise of Light. In 1956, on the other hand, with the conclusion of the case that lasted in Afyon for eight years, the great judicial struggle that had been waged against the Treatise of Light came to an end. The court concluded the Treatise of Light to be works about faith, and therefore they constituted no ele-

ment of crime. In 1956, the Afyon Court made the Religious Affairs Administration Compliance Council examine each section of the Treatise of Light Collection, as a result of which it reported that the Collection was a positive and beneficial interpretation of the Qur'an. The Afyon Court, in return, acquitted the Treatise of Light and their return, and thus the publishing of the Treatise of Light was allowed.

VARIOUS GREAT EVENTS TOOK PLACE IN THE WORLD AND IN TURKEY IN THE YEAR 1956

January 3rd, 1956

Sudan declared its independence as a republic.

March 20th, 1956

Tunisia achieved independence from France.

March 23rd, 1956

Pakistan became the world's first Islamic republic.

April 7th, 1956

Morocco declared independence.

February 5th, 1956

As was noted by the General Directorate of State Meteorological Affairs, THE MERIC AND TUNCA RIVERS WERE FROZEN.

February 13th, 1956

THE FIRE THAT BROKE OUT IN ANKARA SPREAD UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTENSE WIND FROM THE SOUTHWEST and burned the buildings of the government office, courthouse, the local branch buildings of the gendarme, post office and recruiting office and the Ziraat (Agriculture) Bank.

April 1956

Flash floods occurred on Seyhan River, and overflowed into the basins of the Great Menderes, Gediz and Ceyhan Rivers.

1956

THE BEGINNING OF TEACHING OF RELIGION LESSONS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

**IN 1936 BEDIUZZAMAN FORETELLS DISORDER
THAT WILL CAUSE THE WORLDWIDE EVENTS OF
1968 TO TAKE PLACE IN 30 YEARS' TIME**

**First Flash was written in 1936, in which Bediuzzaman
foretells the incidents that will take place
32 years later.**

**BEDIUZZAMAN REFERS TO THE START OF 1968
EVENTS BY DRAWING ATTENTION
TO THE YEAR 1967**

When I was thinking of the mysterious Quranic harmony in this verse, I remembered Surah Hud "As for those who are wretched, they will be in the Fire, where they will sigh and gasp" (Surah Hud;106) especially the part: "allatheena shaqoo" (those who are wretched) and, "As for those who are glad, they will be in the Garden." (Surah Hud, 108) "allatheena suAAidoo" (those who are glad) and the harmony in there. And I understood that the second verse and the first part completely refers to the occupation of the Treatise of Light and the students of the Treatise of Light, through jifr and in terms of meaning while the verse "As for those who are

wretched, they will be in the Fire, where they will sigh and gasp" (Surah Hud, 106), refers to the opponents and enemies of the Treatise of Light and the beginning of their movements and the stages of their activities and their end, through convenience and jfir.

Whereas:

Thirteen sixteen (Hijri 1316 and 1898 AD) and thirteen seventeen (1316 Hijri, 1898 AD and 1317 Hijri, 1899 AD), are referred to both in the 32nd verse of the 9th Surah ("They desire to put out the light of Allah with their mouths,.."), '(Yureedoona an yutfi-oo noora Allahi) as it is the start of the attack against the Qur'an (1900, THAT IS THE START OF THE 20TH CENTURY, WAS THE TIME WHEN DARWINISM AND MATERIALISM GREW STRONGER ALL AROUND THE WORLD, THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE COLLAPSED AND THE ISLAMIC WORLD BROKE APART)..

IF I COUNT BOTH OF THE GEMINATION MARKS TWICE, IT GIVES THE DATE THIRTEEN EIGHTY SEVEN (1387 Hijri, 1967 AD) (THE REAL START OF 1968 INCIDENTS WHEN ANARCHISM SPREAD ALL AROUND THE WORLD, IS 1967), AND THIS COULD BE THE YEAR OF THE CULMINATION OF A HORRIBLE MOVEMENT 'Allah alone knows the unknown as is due'.

IN 1944 HE FORETELLS THE 12 MARCH [1971] TURKISH COUP

(12 March 1971 Turkish coup by memorandum)

**The Second Flash was written in 1943 and 1944. Bedi-
uzzaman foretells the incidents that will take place 27
years after that date.**

**BEDIUZZAMAN SAYS THAT THE SURAT AL-FALAQ
REFERS TO EVENTS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN
TURKEY IN THE YEAR 1971**

THE DATES HE MENTIONS IN THE SAME SECTION:

**1933: ADOLF HITLER IS APPOINTED AS THE CHANCEL-
LOR OF GERMANY.**

**1942: THE PERIOD THAT THE SECOND WORLD WAR WAS
MOST INTENSE**

**1910: THE YEAR WHICH PAVED THE WAY FOR THE FIRST
BALKAN WAR AND TRIPOLITANIAN WAR. IN 1911 THE BAL-
KAN WAR, IN 1913 TRIPOLITANIAN WAR HAVE EFFECTI-
VELY BEGUN.**

1971: THE 12 MARCH COUP

Qul aAAoothu birabbi alfalaqi (Say: 'I seek refuge with the Lord of Daybreak,)

Min sharri ma khalaqa (from the evil of what He has created)

Wamin sharri ghasiqin itha waqaba (and from the evil of the darkness when it gathers)

Wamin sharri alnaffathati fee alAAuqadi (and from the evil of women who blow on knots)

Wamin sharri hasidin itha hasada (And from the evil of an envier when he envies.)

All the verses of this Surah have numerous meanings. Only in respect of its allusive meaning, its repeating of the word " **EVIL**" four times in five sentences; and with a powerful relation and in four ways its pointing the finger with the same date to the four unparalleled, ghastly, stormy evils, material and immaterial, of this age, with its revolutions and clashes, and its implicitly giving the command: "withdraw from these;" is certainly guidance from the Unseen in a way befitting the Qur'an's miraculosity.

For example, the sentence **Qul aAAoothu birabbi alfalaqi (Say: I seek refuge with the Lord of Daybreak)** coincides with the date **1352 (1933 AD) or 1354 (1934 AD)** (*HITLER BECOMES THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR IN 1933, IN 1935 HE STARTS THE RE-ARMAMENT CAMPAIGN*) according to abjad and jifr calculation, alluding to the Second World War, which was brewing, then erupted due to the prevalent ambition and greed of mankind and the after effects of the First World War, and saying in a spiritual manner to the community of Muhammed (saas): "Do not enter this war, but seek refuge with your Sustainer." With another of its allusive meanings, as a special favor to the followers of the Treatise of Light, who are servants of the Qur'an, it hints to them that they were to be saved around the same date from Eskisehir Prison and an fearsome evil, and that the plans to eliminate them would come to nothing. It was as though it

were commanding them spiritually to seek refuge [from satan] with Allah.

Hijri 1352- 1933 AD- THE DATE HITLER BECAME THE CHANCELLOR OF GERMANY

Hijri 1354- 1933 AD- THE YEAR HITLER ESTABLISHED TOTAL CONTROL OVER THE GERMAN ARMY. JUNE 30, 1934 SAW 85 PEOPLE SLAUGHTERED, THOUGH IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE TRUE DEATH TOLL MAY HAVE BEEN IN THE HUNDREDS OVER A 72-HOUR PERIOD WITH THE ORDER HITLER GAVE TO EXECUTE MANY HIGH RANKING OFFICERS (THE NIGHT OF THE LONG KNIVES, AS IT IS COMMONLY KNOWN) AND THIS WAS ALSO THE DATE THE GERMAN ARMY COMPLETELY SUBMITTED TO HIM. AT THE SAME TIME IT IS THE DATE THE FOLLOWERS OF THE TREATISE OF LIGHT WERE RELEASED FROM ESKISEHIR PRISON.

1935 AD- THE YEAR HITLER OFFICIALLY COMMENCED WITH REARMAMENT, THEREBY NULLIFYING THE VERSAILLES TREATY.

And for example, the sentence **Min sharri ma khalaqa (From the evil of what He has created) makes 1361 (H. 1361-1942 AD)** (1942 THE TIME THAT THE COMBAT SEEN IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR WAS AT ITS MOST INTENSE) -the doubled ra is not counted- and points the finger through both the Rumi and Hijri dates at the cruel, tyrannical destruction of this unmatched war. 'Coinciding' too with the followers of Light, who work with all their strength to serve the Qur'an, being delivered from an extensive plan to eliminate them and from a grievous calamity and Denizli Prison, it looks with an allusive meaning to them too. With a concealed sign it says: "Protect yourselves from the evil of creatures."

HIJRI 1361- 1942 AD – THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST INTENSE PERIODS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR. HITLER HAD DECIDED TO ENLARGE THE GERMAN OCCUPIED TERRITORY IN ORDER TO ACQUIRE THE CAUCASIAN, BLACK SEA AND CASPIAN OIL FIELDS. IT IS WIDELY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT BETWEEN FIVE HUNDRED TO EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND PEOPLE, SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS ALIKE, WERE SLAUGHTERED DURING THE BATTLE OF STALINGRAD ALONE. FURTHERMORE, THIS IS THE DATE THE FOLLOWERS OF LIGHT WERE RELEASED FROM DENIZLI PRISON.

And for example, the sentence **Wamin sharri alnnaffathati fee alAAuqadi (and from the evil of women who blow on knots)** if the shaddahs are not counted makes **1328 (Hijri 1328- 1910 AD)** (THE DATE THE GROUND WAS PREPARED FOR THE BALKAN WAR); if the (LAM) is counted in the shaddah, it makes **1358 (Hijri 1358- 1939 AD)** (THE OFFICIAL START OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR); the foreign tyrants who executed those general wars with the idea of ruining the results of the Independence Revolution that were in favor of the Qur'an, instigated a change of sultan and the Balkan and Tripolitanian Wars, the outbreak of the First World War, through the political diplomats blowing their material and spiritual evils and their sorcery and poison into everyone's heads through the tongue of the radio, and their inculcating their covert plans into the heart of human destiny, they prepared the evils that would savagely destroy a thousand years of the progress of civilization, which corresponds exactly with the meaning of the blowers on knots.

HIJRI 1328- 1910 AD- SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS THAT PAVE THE WAY FOR THE BALKAN WAR BEGAN. THE OTTOMANS LOST VAST LANDS IN THE BALKANS AFTER THE WAR THAT ENDED IN 1913. THE BULGARIAN ARMY MARCHED FORWARD UNTIL IT REACHED CATALCA. IN 1911 THE TRIPOLITANIAN WAR STARTED AGAINST ITALY, AND TRIPOLI WAS LOST.

HIJRI 1358- 1939 AD- THE SECOND WORLD WAR OFFICIALLY STARTED. DURING THE WAR, WHICH LASTED UNTIL 1945, AT LEAST 50 TO 60 MILLION PEOPLE DIED ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL RECORDS. IT IS WIDELY BELIEVED THAT THE ACTUAL NUMBERS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER, PERHAPS AS MANY AS 75 MILLION, OR 2.5% OF THE TOTAL WORLD POPULATION AT THAT TIME, MAKING THE SECOND WORLD WAR THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE WAR IN HUMAN HISTORY.

AN ADDENDUM TO A POINT ABOUT THE MIRACULOUSNESS OF THIS SURAH

Just as with four of its five sentences, this surah looks with its allusive meaning to the four largest evil revolutions and storms this century; so, with its allusive meaning and according to jifr calculation, by its repeating four times the phrase **“from the evil of”** (**min sharri**)- the shaddahs is not counted- it looks to and points the finger at the century of the dissension of Genghis Khan and Hulagu Khan and the time of the fall of the ‘Abbasid dynasty, which was the most fearsome calamity experienced by the Islamic world. (He says that because the word evil has been repeated four times, so that refers to four different dissensions: 1. *GENGHIS KHANS’ DEPREDATIONS*, 2. *HULAGU KHANS’ DEPREDATIONS*, 3. *THE FIRST WORLD WAR*, 4. *THE SECOND WORLD WAR*)

Yes, without the shaddah, the **evil (sharri)** makes 500 (Hijri 500-1106 AD), and from **(min)** is 90 (Hijri 90- 709 AD.) Numerous verses which look to the future, as well as Imam 'Ali (as) and Ghawth al-A'zam, who gave news from the future, both our century and those times in their predictions of the future, saw both our century and that century, and made predictions in exactly the same way, With **ghasiqin (darkness)** making 1161 (1747 AD) and **itha waqaba (when it gathers)** making 810 (1407 AD), the words **ghasiqin itha waqaba (of the darkness when it gathers)** look not to this time, but may be to the significant material and spiritual evils of those times. **IF THEY ARE COUNTED TOGETHER, THEY MAKE 1971, AND GIVE NEWS OF SOME GHASTLY EVIL AT THAT DATE. IF THE CROPS OF THE SEEDS OF THE PRESENT ARE NOT RECTIFIED, THE BLOWS WILL CERTAINLY BE TERRIBLE.**

1971- THE COUP MEMORANDUM OF MARCH 12th: TOGETHER WITH THE EVENTS OF 1968 WHICH TOOK PLACE ALL OVER THE WORLD, THE MARXIST MOVEMENTS HAVE BECOME VERY STRONG IN TURKEY, AND THERE WERE ACTS OF VIOLENCE. THEY WERE ORGANISING ACTS LIKE STUDENT RIOTS, ATTACKS ON THE POLICE, EMBASSIES, POLICE STATIONS, BANK ROBBERIES AND ABDUCTION. IN THE 1969 ELECTIONS, DEMIREL CAME TO POWER WITH 46% OF THE VOTES, HOWEVER THE COUNTRY WAS VERY TURBULENT; A GROUP OF SOLDIERS WERE PLANNING TO STAGE A COUP UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF GENERAL MADANOGLU. IN ORDER TO PREVENT THIS MILITARY COUP, GENERAL MEMDUH TAGMAC PUBLISHED THE MEMORANDUM OF MARCH 12TH. THE PARLIAMENT WAS NOT DISSOLVED, BUT POLITICAL FREEDOMS WERE LARGELY LIMITED.

BEDIUZZAMAN DRAWS ATTENTION TO THE YEARS 1979-1980

**The 24th Word was written between the
years 1926 - 1934**

BEDIUZZAMAN DRAWS ATTENTION TO THE YEARS 1979-1980

Thus, unfair people who do not know this truth say: "Why then did the Companions of the Prophet with their vigilant hearts and keen sight, who had been taught all the details of the Hereafter, **SUPPOSE A FACT THAT WOULD OCCUR ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED YEARS LATER TO BE CLOSE TO THEIR CENTURY**, as though their ideas had deviated a thousand years from the truth?"

The Answer: Because, through the effulgence of the Prophet's conversation, the Companions thought of the Hereafter more than anyone, and knowing the transience of the world and understanding the Divine wisdom in the hour of the Day of Judgment being vague, they assumed a position of always awaiting the world's appointed hour and worked seriously for the Hereafter. Allah's noble Messenger (saas) repeating, "Expect the Day of Judgment. Wait for it" was Prophetic guidance arising from this wisdom; it was not a pronouncement of Revelation concerning the specific time of its occurrence and far from the truth. The cause is one thing and the wisdom is another. Thus, these sort of sayings of the Prophet (saas) arise from the wisdom in certain things being indefinite.

HIJRI 1400: 1979-1980

According to the hadiths and the statements of the Islamic scholars, Hijri 1400 is the date Hazrat Mahdi (as) started his activities. Along with the starting of Hijri 1400', all the portents of Hazrat Mahdi's (as) arrival, foretold by our Prophet (saas) have been realized one after the other. Our Prophet (saas) said that those portents will follow each other just like the beads of the rosary. We are living in 1432 at the moment. During the 32 years time that passed by from 1400 to 1432, approximately 400 portents foretold by the Messenger of Allah (saas) have been realized exactly as he said. This is, just like Bediuzzaman has also stated, an evidence to state that Hazrat Mahdi (as) is on his duty right now. Some of the hundreds of portents foretold by our Prophet (saas) that have been realized exactly as he foretold are as follows;

- 1976: The stopping of the water of the Euphrates
 - 1979: The occupation of Afghanistan
 - 1979: Kabaa riot and the bloodshed in Kabaa
 - 1979: The vessel explosion in Istanbul
 - 1980-1988: The Iran-Iraq War
 - 1981: Killing of the Kings of Damascus and Egypt
 - 1981: 1982: Lunar and Solar Eclipses during the month of Ramadan
 - 1986: Passing of Halley's comet
 - 1989: Changing of systems (the collapse of communism)
 - 1990: The occupation of Azerbaijan
 - 2001: Corruption of smoke and dust – the September 11 attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon
 - 2003: The occupation of Iraq
 - 2003: An army being lost in the desert- the disappearance of the Iraqi army
 - 2003: Baghdad in flames
 - 2009: Comet Lulin, an unusual two-tailed comet appearing
- (To see all the portents that reach 400 in numbers visit www.awaited-mahdi.com)*

REFERENCES FROM THE TREATISE OF LIGHT TO THE YEARS 1981, 1991 AND 2001

**The Sermon of Damascus; The Sermon was given in
1909, and was published as a book in 1911**

REFERENCES TO 1981, 1991 AND 2001 IN THE TREATISE OF LIGHT

Bediuzzaman, in his Sermon of Damascus which he gave in the Umayyad Mosque, made some comments about the future of the Islamic world after the year 1371.

Moreover, the veils that have eclipsed the sun of Islam, hindered its emergence and prevented it from illuminating mankind have begun to disperse. Those things that were hindering it have begun to fall back. The signs of that dawn appeared forty-five years ago. **THEN THE TRUE DAWN BROKE IN SEVENTY ONE (HIJRI 1371/1951 A.D.), OR IT WILL BREAK. EVEN IF IT IS THE FALSE DAWN, IN THIRTY OR FORTY YEARS' TIME (HIJRI 1401/HIJRI 1401- 1991 A.D.) THE TRUE DAWN WILL BREAK.** (*The Sermon of Damascus, p. 490*)

Dawn: The dawn to break, the redness before the sun rise, the morning time

False Dawn: The first redness that starts to spread in the horizon.

True Dawn: The second lightening that starts to spread after the false dawn

$$1371 + 30 = 1401 = 1981$$

$$1371 + 40 = 1411 = 1991$$

These dates are the years that the light of Islam started to spread throughout the world again, the date that the Muslims start to create a worldwide impact with their scientific studies.

**BEDIUZZAMAN CONTINUES TO TALK ABOUT
THE YEARS AFTER HIJRI 1371 (1952 AD.):**

For sure, maybe not now (*AFTER H. 1371*) but **IN THIRTY TO FORTY YEARS' TIME**, in order to fully equip to perfection the three forces of science, true knowledge [acquired through arts, science and skills] and the virtues of civilization, and to overcome those nine obstacles, the desire to search for the truth, equity, and love of humanity will be dispatched to the fronts of those nine enemy squadrons. They have already started to drive them back. Allah willing, **IN HALF A CENTURY** they will scatter them completely. (*The Damascus Sermon*, p. 25)

$$1371 + 30 = 1401 = 1981$$

$$1371 + 40 = 1411 = 1991$$

$$\text{IN HALF A CENTURY: } 1371 + 50 = 1421 = 2001$$

**BEDIUZZAMAN'S REFERENCES TO THE
28 FEBRUARY 1997 MILITARY
MEMORANDUM [TURKEY]**

**The 2nd Ray was written in 1943-44. Bediuzzaman
foretells the incidents that will take
place 53 years later**

**SAID NURSI'S ABJAD CALCULATIONS
REFERRING TO THE INCIDENTS OF FEBRUARY
28th, 1997 MILITARY MEMORANDUM
(Surat al-Baqarah, 257)**

Supplement to the Addendum of the Eleventh Topic

The verse, "Let there be no compulsion (in religion); Truth stands out from error" (Surat al-Baqarah: 256) which is the complement of the Throne Verse [Ayat al Kursi], makes 1350 (Hijri 1350-1931 A.D.); "....whoever rejects evil" makes 1929 or 1928; and "....believes in Allah has grasped," makes 946 (Hijri 946), corresponding to the name 'Treatise of Light;' "the most trustworthy handhold" makes 1347 (Hijri 1347- 1928 A.D.) ;".... that never breaks, and Allah is All-Seeing, All-Knowing (Allah) is the Protector of those who have faith" if counted together makes 1012 (Hijri 1012), and if not counted together 945 (Hijri 945) (with one shaddah not being counted); "... out of the darkness into the light." makes 1372 (Hijri 1372- 1953 AD.), without shaddahs;

**"WHILE THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE, THEIR PAT-
RONS ARE (THE EVIL ONES) "** (Surat al-Baqarah; 257) makes
**1417 (Hijri 1417 (1997 A.D.) (...out of the darkness into the
light." makes 1338 (Hijri 1338- 1920 AD), (the shaddahs are not**

counted); “....they will be the companions of the Fire, to dwell therein forever” makes 1295 (Hijri 1295) (shaddah is counted).

It was imparted to me that with their allusive meanings, these verses ‘coincide’ exactly and twice with both the name of the Treatise of Light, and the form of its striving; and with the date the people of unbelief were attempting to extinguish the light of the World of Islam with the war of 1293 (Hijri 1293- 1877 AD.) (*THE OTTOMAN RUSSIAN WAR, ONE OF THOSE WARS IN WHICH THE OTTOMANS LOST LANDS THE MOST*); and with the date the terrible treaties that were signed in 1338 (Hijri 1338- 1920 AD.) taking advantage of the First World War and in order to cast the Islamic world into darkness in fact. It was imparted to my heart too that light and darkness are repeatedly contrasted in these verses, and in this immaterial struggle a Light proceeding from the Qur’an’s light would become a point of support for the people of belief. I was compelled to set this down in writing. Then I saw that the relationship of its meaning with this century was so powerful that even had there been no sign through the ‘coincidences,’ I would still have been certain that these verses were speaking with us through their allusive meanings, just as they look to all centuries. (*The Rays*, p. 422/423)

As is known, February 28th was important in the recent history of Turkey as it marked the beginning of an era in which there were limited freedoms, intensified pressure upon Muslims, and an increase in the number of cases of torture and unsolved murders. It is highly significant that Bediuzzaman has drawn attention to the year 1997 like this.



REFERENCES TO THE YEAR 2004 IN THE TREATISE OF LIGHT

The First Ray was written in the year 1936.

REFERENCES TO THE YEAR 2004 IN THE TREATISE OF LIGHT

In the verse, “They desire to put out the light of Allah with their mouths, and Allah will not consent save to perfect His light, though the unbelievers are averse.” (Surat at-Tawba, 32) with its powerful and gentle spiritual relationship the statement, “**Yuree-doona an yutfi-oo noora Allahi bi-afwahihim**” (They desire to put out the light of Allah with their mouths, and Allah will not consent save to perfect His light), each one of “l m” bearing the gemination mark is counted as one and “m m” as two, for it is included in the main word, it [numerological calculation] suggests one **thousand three hundred twenty four (1324 Hijri and 1906 Gregorian Calendar)** (1906, *THE END OF THE FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL ERA AND TYRANNY*). With the intention of extinguishing the light of the Islamic State, the European tyrants hatched a tremendous plot against it, even though, by the proclamation of freedom the Turkish patriots tried to render that plan void in twenty-four” (1324). Six-seven years later, namely, at the end of the First World War, again with the same intention of a plot, [the European tyrants] imposed very severe conditions that were against [living by] the Qur’an by the Treaty of Sèvres (1920) and the Turkish patriots tried to respond and render ineffective [the Europeans’] plans of carrying out the infidel ideologies on dates “thirty four” (34) and “fifty four” (54) with full conformity [by Allah’s preordination] with the date of the proclamation of the Republic in one thousand three hundred twenty four (1324). From these stand out the retorting efforts of those, who try to

preserve the Light of the Qur'an in that upheaval, and among who is particularly the author of the Treatise of the Light in "twenty four (24)" and the first pamphlets of the Treatise of Light in "thirty four (34)" and the luminous sections of the Treatise of Light and its self-sacrificing followers in "fifty four" (54) who tried to respond to it...

If "mim" bearing the shaddah mark is also considered as one like "lam"s bearing the gemination marks, then it corresponds to **one- thousand-two-hundred-eighty-four (H.1284- 1866 AD)** (*THE CRETIAN REBELLION TAKES PLACE IN 1866, ALSO SERBIAN REBELLIONS TAKE PLACE*). On that date, the European infidels intended to extinguish the Light of the Islamic State and only ten years later provoked the Russians, and by the inauspicious war of '93, they had laid a temporary veil over the bright Light of the Islamic World. But since the followers of Mawlana Halid dispersed that cloud of persecution instead of the followers of the Treatise of Light, in that respect this verse draws attention by referring to their leaders. **IT NOW OCCURS TO MIND THAT IF EACH OF THE LETTERS "MIM" AND "LAM" BEARING THE GEMINATION MARK ARE COUNTED AS TWO, THE PEOPLE WHO WILL DISOLVE THE OPPRESSIONS A CENTURY LATER (H.1424- 2004 AD) MAY BE THE DISCIPLES OF HAZRAT MAHDI (AS).** Anyway, there are many secrets within this luminous verse.

We spoke briefly about the secret of the saying, "The drop signifies the ocean."



REFERENCES TO THE YEARS 2007-2008 IN THE TREATISE OF LIGHT

Bediuzzaman Said Nursi reminds us that the abjad calculation of the part of the verse which reads **".... it is the party of Allah who are victorious!" (...fa-inna hizba Allahi humu alghaliboon)** would give the date Hijri 1350, yet that this is a secret indication that refers to another period in which the morality of the Qur'an would gain the upper hand. In fact, when the abjad calculation is done by adding the **LETTER "FE" IN THE BEGINNING OF THE VERSE IN ARABIC INTO THE CALCULATION, THEN THE ABJAD CALCULATION WOULD GIVE 80. AND WHEN WE ADD 80 TO 1350, THAT WOULD MAKE HIJRI 1430 AND THAT REFERS TO THE "YEAR 2008" IN THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR.**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{THE LETTER FE} &= 80 \\ 1350 + 80 &= 1430 = 2004\end{aligned}$$

The verse **"As for those who make Allah their friend, and His Messenger and those who have faith: it is the party of Allah who are victorious!"** (Surat Al-Ma'idah; 56) confirms the secret implication of this verse. As, if I count the letters of "nuun" with shaddah only once in the part of the verse **"...: it is the party of Allah who are victorious!,"** it gives the year 1302 in Hijri calendar (1884 in the Gregorian calendar) with two years difference from the year that a servant, the means for the activities of the supporters of Qur'an, started reading the Qur'an. However, if I count the letter "nuun" with shaddah twice, I get the year one thousand three hundred and fifty (1350 in Hijri calendar, 1931 AD); which is important because in this year, the supporters of the -Qur'an, who gathered around the Treatise of Light and which works for Qur'an with all their might has done great services and triumphed over the deviation and disbelief and **THIS IS A HID-**

**DEN REFERENCE TO
THAT YEAR, SUGGES-
TING THAT IN THE
FUTURE, THEY WILL BE
COMPLETELY VICTORIOUS AND
TRIUMPHANT.** *(8th Flash, Profound Comprehension of
Prophecy)*

**BEDIUZZAMAN SAID THAT THE DAY OF RECKONING
WILL COME IN HIJRI 1545 (2120 AD)
(ALLAH KNOWS THE TRUTH)**

In eight authentic hadiths said by our Prophet (saas) and narrated by Imam As-Suyuti, who is one of the greatest hadith imams, it is noted that the life span of the world is 7000 years and 5600 years of this have passed until the time of our Prophet (saas):

H.2 — Ibn Asaqir says: Abu Said Ahmad ibn Muhammad Baghdadi (with the full history of its transmission) narrated. He said from Anas ibn Malik (ra) that the Messenger of Allah (saas) said:

Allah will ascribe the equivalent of good deeds of the **SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS OF THE AGE OF THIS WORLD** to the one who meets the need of any of his brothers in the faith on the path of Allah as if he spends his days in fasting and his nights in worship.

H.3 — Ibn Abiyy says: Abu Ishak narrated from Ibrahim ibn Abdullah Nabt (with the full history of that transmission) narrated. He said from Anas ibn Malik (ra) that the Messenger of Allah (saas) said:

THE LIFE SPAN OF THE WORLD IS SEVEN DAYS IN THE DAYS OF THE AFTERLIFE . ALMIGHTY ALLAH SAID, "A DAY IN THE SIGHT OF YOUR LORD IS EQUIVALENT TO A THOUSAND YEARS IN THE DAYS YOU COUNT".

H.7 — Ibn Abi ad-Dunya says that: Ali ibn Said narrated from Hamza ibn Hisham and he from Said ibn Jubair that,

THE WORLD IS ONE WEEK OF THE WEEKS OF THE HERE-AFTER.

H.5 — Ibn Abi Hatam narrates from Ibn Abbas in the Commentary that:

THE WORLD IS ONE WEEK OF THE WEEKS OF THE HERE-AFTER, IT IS SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS, OF WHICH SIX THOUSAND HAVE ALREADY GONE BY.


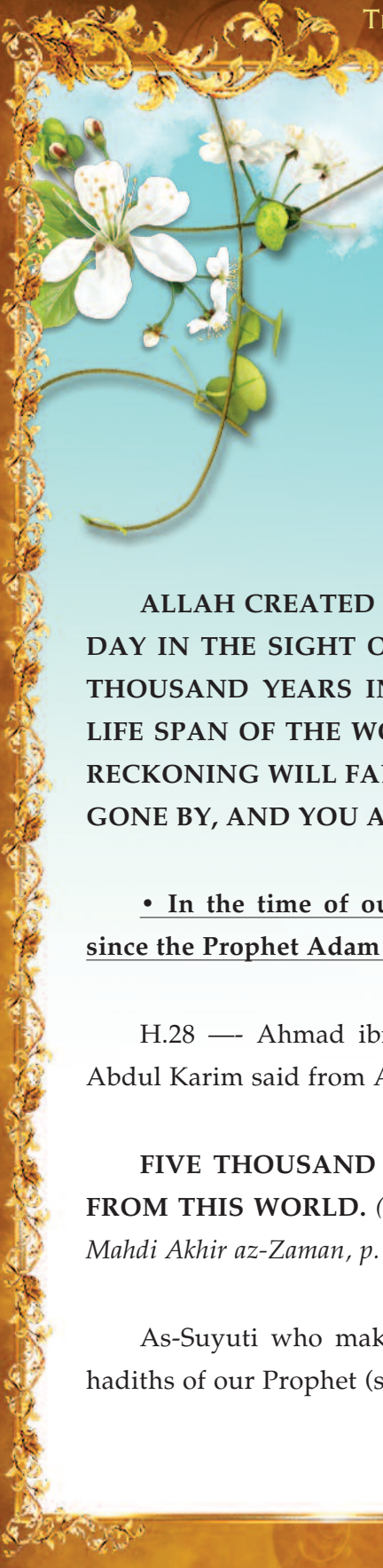
H.6 — There is this account reliably narrated from Ibn Abbas:

HE SAID: THE WORLD IS SEVEN DAYS. EACH DAY IS LIKE A THOUSAND YEARS. AND THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (SAAS) WAS SENT AT THE END OF THAT.

• A dream of Ashab al-Qiram

H.4 — At-Tabarani says in al-Kabir: Ahmad ibn Nadr al-Askari and Jaffar Ibn Muhammad al-Faryabi (with the full history of its transmission) narrated. They narrated from Daqqaq Ibn Zaid Al-Juhani. He said ; I had a dream, and told it to the Messenger of Allah (saas). He spoke the words inside him: O Messenger of Allah, I am with you on a seven-stepped pulpit, and you are on its highest degree. **He (saas) said: AS FOR THE SEVEN-STEPPED PULPIT, I AM ON THE HIGHEST STEP, THE LIFE OF THE WORLD IS SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS. AND I SHALL BE IN THE LAST THOUSAND.**

H.8 — Ibn Abd al-Hamid says in the Commentary; Muhammad ibn Fadl narrates from Hammad bin Zayd, and he from Yahya ibn Atik, and he from Muhammad ibn Sirin and he from one of the People of the Book who became a Muslim that;



ALLAH CREATED THE EARTH AND SKY IN SIX DAYS. A DAY IN THE SIGHT OF YOUR LORD IS EQUIVALENT TO A THOUSAND YEARS IN THE DAYS YOU COUNT. AND THE LIFE SPAN OF THE WORLD IS SIX DAYS, AND THE DAY OF RECKONING WILL FALL ON THE SEVENTH. SIX DAYS HAVE GONE BY, AND YOU ARE IN THE SEVENTH.

• In the time of our Prophet (saas) 5600 years have passed since the Prophet Adam (as)

H.28 — Ahmad ibn Hanbal narrated in his 'Ilal. Ismail bin Abdul Karim said from Abdussamed and he from Vahb that:

FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED YEARS HAVE PASSED FROM THIS WORLD. (*Al-Muttaqi al-Hindi, Al-Burhan fi Alamat al-Mahdi Akhir az-Zaman, p. 88*)

As-Suyuti who makes statements on the basis of the blessed hadiths of our Prophet (saas) and great Islamic scholars like Ahmad



ibn Hanbal stated that the life span of the Islamic community would not much exceed the first half of the Hijri 1500's, so that it would not reach Hijri 1600:

"THE LIFE OF MY COMMUNITY WILL NOT EXCEED 1500 YEARS." (*As-Suyuti, Al-Kashf 'an Mujawazat Hazihi al-Ummah al-Alf; As-Suyuti, Al-Hawi Lil-Fatawi, 2/248; Tafsir Ruh al-Bayan. Burusawi 4/262; Ahmad ibn Hanbal, Kitab al-'Ilal, p. 89*)

Based on the blessed hadiths of our Prophet (saas) and the statements of great Islamic scholars, Bediuzzaman, from the adjad calculations of Surat Al-Asr and Surat Al-Fatiha, stated that the Day of Reckoning will break on Hijri 1545 (Gregorian Calendar 2120) by saying "Allah knows the truth".

AN IMPORTANT HADITH ABOUT THE END OF THE TIMES

"LA TEZALU TAIFETUN MIN UMMETI ZAHIRINE ALA'L-HAKKI HATTA YE'TIYALLAHU BI EMRIHI." **"One group from my community will be victorious on the path of truth until the order of Allah [until the Judgement Day]."**

In the second hour of the tenth day of the Holy Ramadan, this hadith suddenly came to my mind. Maybe, it is because at the time I was thinking how long the followers of Light would continue. **"LA TEZALU TAIFETUN MIN UMMETI."** **"A group from my community will not disappear but continue."** (count the shaddah but not the tanwin). This part has an abjad value of one thousand five hundred and forty two (1542- 2117 AD), implying the end of the continuance. "Allah alone, knows the unknown." **"ZÂHİRINE ALE'L-HAK."** **"...will be victorious on the path of truth."** (count the shaddah) when I include this, the abjad value comes to one thousand five hundred six (1506- 2082 AD) and, it means that until that date they will be visible and apparent and maybe victorious but after that date, they will continue to perform their tasks secretly and defeated. I believe this is almost a certain implication. Wa'l-ilm al-ind'Allah; "Allah alone, has the true knowledge."

"HATTA YE'TIYALLAHU BI EMRIHI" **"Until Allah's order comes (until the judgment day)"** (count the shaddah) when I include this, the abjad value comes to **one thousand five hundred and forty five**, and implies that Judgment day will break loose on the unbelievers **(1545- 2120 AD)**. La ya'lam-al-gayb al-ill'Allah. (Allah alone knows the unknown.)

It should be noticed, and it is surprising, that although the three sections in agreement give the date **one thousand five hundred**, it in a completely meaningful and wise manner refers to the dates from **one thousand five hundred and six (1506 Hijri, 2082 AD) to forty two (1542- 2117 AD)** and to **forty five (1545- 2120 AD)** coincides one by one to the times of the three great changes. However, since these implications are merely some convenience, they cannot be considered evidence and they are not strong, but I believed it to be true since I got the warning suddenly. No one can know the exact date for Judgment day, but such implications can build a sort of opinion, a strong possibility. In Surat al-Fatiha, the section **“ALLATHEENA ANAAAMTA AAALAYHIM “ (of those You have blessed)**, which describes the biggest group of the righteous people **“ALSSIRATA ALMUSTAQEEMA” (the straight path)**, without shaddah, gives the date one thousand five hundred and six or seven, and therefore completely coincides with the abjad value of **“ZAHIRINE ALEL HAKKI” (will be on the right way)** and also with the meaning, and if I count the shaddah, (the part mentioned in the hadith) **“LA TEZALU TAIFETUN MIN UMMETI” (a group from the community)** part confirms the implication of this hadiths with three meaningful difference in full compliance and meaningful agreement, and this makes it a hidden reference. In many verses of the Qur’an, it has been warned in my heart numerous times that the phrase **“ALSSIRATA ALMUSTA-QEEMA” (the Straight Path)** implies the Treatise of Light in meaning and in jifr with an implication close to a secret meaning; the group of the followers of Light will be that great group in the end of the End Times referring to a favorite group. “Allah alone, has the true knowledge.” “Allah alone, knows the unknown.”



A FOOTNOTE FOR SURAT AL-'ASR'S WIT THAT IS KNOWN AS MOUNTAIN FRUIT

**"By the Late Afternoon,
truly man is in loss –except for those who have
faith and do right actions and urge each other to the truth and
urge each other to steadfastness."**

1.WaalAAasri

2. Inna al-insana lafee khusrin

**3. Illa allatheena amanoo waAAamiloo alssalihati watawasaw
bialhaqqi watawasaw bialssabri.**

The "te" and the "ta"s preceding it in the word **"ALSSALIHA-TI"** [in the third verse of Surat al-'Asr], can be counted as "haa" in the numerological calculation, for it principally hits the mark "waav". At this point "illa" is together (1358 Hijr- 1939 AD); this indicates our time. And because it is not pronounced as "he", the "te" can remain. In this respect, if the gemination marks are not included, and if "illa" is not together; it indicates that a great community, with faith and good deeds, will continue to struggle against great damages inasmuch as two hundred years time. At the beginning of Surat al-Fatiha, **"SIRATA ALLATHEENA ANAAAMTA AAALAYHIM"**, **"the Path of those You have blessed"** indicates one thousand five hundred forty seven (1547-2122 AD) or one thousand five hundred seventy seven (1577- 2150 AD); also **"LA TEZALU TAIFETUN MIN UMMETI ZAHIRINE ALE'L-HAKKI HATTA YE'TIYALLAHU BI EMRIHI."**

The first sentence **(La tezalu taifetun min ummeti- a group from my community)** refers to the last times of a group of mujahhids of the End Times **(Hijri 1500- 2076 AD)**, the second sentence **(Zahirine ala'l-hak- galibane- will proceed on the truth)** with its numerological calculation of one thousand five hundred six (Hijri 1506-

2082 AD) refers to the date of the victorious struggle and the third sentence (**Hatta ye'tiyallahu bi emrihi- Until the order of Allah comes**) one thousand five hundred fourty five (**Hijri 1545- 2120 AD**), with very little difference, refers to the unseen portents of both the Surat al-Fatiha and the second sentence of the Surat al-'Asr and accords with them.

That means, each one of the three sentences of this hadith refers to the date of one thousand five hundred and how long the struggle will last; exactly **"ALLATHEENA AMANOO WAAAAMILOO ALSSALIHATI"** **"except for those who have faith and do right actions"** (Surat al-'Asr, 3) – if the gemination mark is not included– with this one thousand six hundred (1561- 2134 AD), both **"WATAWASAW BIALHAQQI WATAWASAW BIALSSABRI"** (and urge each other to the truth and urge each other to steadfastness) (Surat al-Asr, 3) – the gemination mark is included but **"bialssabri"** (steadfastness) is also lam- one thousand five hundred sixty (1560-2133 AD) is included, indicating how long the struggle of that group who will accomplish that tremendous work will last by means of signs and numerological calculation. By examining the date indicated by the Surat al-Fatiha and the hadith by their numerological value, they come across with a different degree and also with their meanings, fully complying, they reveal a wise section from the unseen.

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*Bediuzzaman
Said Nursi's
References to
Islamic Union*

THE UNITY OF ISLAM IS THE GREATEST RELIGIOUS OBLIGATION

Hiding and fear are both hypocrisy. But there is no hypocrisy in performing the obligatory acts of religion. **THE OBLIGATORY ACT OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE AT THE PRESENT TIME IS THE UNITY OF ISLAM.** While the aim and goal of Unity is to stir into life the long, many branched, far-reaching luminous chain which binds together the centers of Islam and their places of worship, to arouse those bound to it, and through the wishes and promptings of their consciences drive them to the way of progress, **THE WAY OF THIS UNION IS LOVE; ITS ENMITY IS ONLY FROM IGNORANCE, POVERTY, AND STRIFE. NON-MUSLIMS SHOULD FEEL SECURE THAT THIS UNION ATTACKS ONLY THOSE THREE FACTS. OUR ACTIONS TOWARDS NON-MUSLIMS CONSIST ONLY OF PERSUASION, FOR WE KNOW THEM TO BE CIVILIZED, AND WE SHOULD DEMONSTRATE THAT ISLAM IS A RELIGION OF LOVE AND MORALLY ELEVATED** for we suppose them to be fair-minded. The lax and negligent should know that they cannot ingratiate themselves with the Europeans by being irreligious, for they only show that they are unprincipled. And no one likes unprincipledness and anarchy. Those who join this Union after due investigation, will not leave it by blindly imitating such people. We present to public opinion the ideas, way, and reality of the Islamic Union, which is Islamic Unity. If anyone has any objections, let him voice them; we are ready to answer them. (*The Damascus Sermon, p.94*)

**BEDIUZZAMAN INDICATES THAT
ISLAMIC UNION WILL COME
UNDER TURKISH LEADERSHIP**

The foundation and spirit of our true nationhood is Islam. In so far as **THEY HAVE CARRIED THE STANDARD OF THE OTTOMAN CALIPHATE AND TURKISH ARMY IN THE NAME OF THAT NATIONHOOD**, the two true brothers of Arab and Turk are like the pearl and citadel of the nationhood of Islam, and the sentries of that sacred citadel. Thus, through the bond of this sacred nationhood, all the people of Islam become like a single tribe. Like the members of a tribe, the peoples and groups of Islam are bound and connected to one another through Islamic brotherhood. They assist one another morally, and if necessary, materially. It is as if all the groups of Islam are bound to each other with a luminous chain. *(The Damascus Sermon, p.54)*

**BEDIUZZAMAN SAYS, “ISLAMIC UNION
IS ESSENTIAL BECAUSE IT IS AN OBLIGATION,
NOT A CUSTOM”**

I repeat: **the means of unity of the community of Muhammad, which in reality is the Islamic Unity, is the belief in the Oneness of Allah. Its oath and pledge is belief. Its membership consists of all believers. Its code of rules are the practices of the Prophet (saas). Its laws are the commands and prohibitions of the Islamic law (things prohibited by the morality of Islam). THIS UNION CONSISTS NOT OF TRADITIONS (CUSTOMS AND HABITS), BUT OF WORSHIP.** *(Sermon of Damascus, The Voice of Truth, p.94)*

THE WORDS OF BEDIUZZAMAN REGARDING THE UNITY AND BROTHERHOOD OF MUSLIMS

BELIEVERS! DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY TRIBES OF ENEMIES HAVE TAKEN UP POSITION TO ATTACK THE TRIBE OF THE PEOPLE OF BELIEF? There are more than a hundred of them, like a series of concentric circles. **WHILE THEY ARE OBLIGED TO BE IN SOLIDARITY, TO BE HAND IN HAND IN POSITION OF DEFENSE AGAINST EACH OF THOSE; WOULD THE NASTY, ENVOUS, BIASED BEHAVIOR AND HOSTILE STUBBORNNESS WHICH WOULD COME TO MEAN FACILITATING THEIR ATTACKS AND OPENING A DOOR FOR THEM TO ENTER THE BLESSED PLACES OF ISLAM, BEFIT THE PEOPLE OF FAITH IN ANY ASPECT?** There are maybe seventy circles of enemies, including the misguided, the atheist, and the unbeliever, each of them as harmful to you as all the terrors and afflictions of this world, and each of them regarding you with greed, anger and hatred. **YOUR FIRM WEAPON, SHIELD AND CITADEL AGAINST ALL OF THEM IS NONE OTHER THAN THE BROTHERHOOD OF ISLAM.** So realize just how contrary to conscience and to the interests of Islam it is to shake the citadel of Islam on account of petty hostilities and other pretexts! Know this, and come to your senses!

According to a noble Hadith of the Prophet (saas), noxious and fearsome persons like Sufyan and the Dajjal will come to rule over the godless at the end of time, **AND EXPLOITING THE GREED, DISCORD AND HATRED AMONGST THE MUSLIMS AND MANKIND, THEY WILL NEED ONLY A SMALL FORCE TO REDUCE HUMANITY TO ANARCHY AND THE VAST WORLD OF ISLAM TO SLAVERY.** (*Letters, 22nd Letter*)

For instance, your Creator, your Owner, your God (the One and Only you perform worship to), and your Provider is one and the same for both of you; thousands of things are one and the same for you. Your Prophet, your religion, your qibla are one and the same; hundreds of things are one and the same for you. Then too your village is one, your state is one, your country is one; tens of things are one and the same for you.

All of these things held in common dictate oneness and unity, union and concord, love and brotherhood, and indeed the cosmos and the planets are similarly interlinked by spiritual chains. If, despite all this, you prefer things worthless and as transient as a spider's web that give rise to dispute and discord, to rancor and enmity, and engage in true enmity towards a believer, then you will understand - **UNLESS YOUR HEART IS DEAD AND YOUR INTELLIGENCE EXTINGUISHED**- how great is your disrespect for that bond of unity, your slight to that relation of love, your transgression against that tie of brotherhood!...

If you wish to nourish enmity, then direct it against the enmity in your heart, and attempt to rid yourself of it. Be an enemy to your evil-commanding soul and its capriciousness and attempt to reform it, for it inflicts more harm on you than all else. Do not engage in enmity against other believers on account of that injurious soul. Again, if you wish to cherish enmity, there are unbelievers and atheists in great abundance; be hostile to them. In the same way that the attribute of love is fit to receive love as its response, so too enmity will receive enmity as its own fitting response... *(Letters, 22nd Letter)*

"Even though the most bedoin peoples could appreciate the necessity and implement a social order to forget and leave behind their internal animosities in the face of the attacks and the appearance of the external enemies, what is wrong with **those who accep-**

ted being in the service of the community of Islam as a cause, that they do not forget the minor animosities even though there are countless enemies who stand in position to attack one after another and they pave the way for the attack of the enemies? **This situation is a degradation, a savagery.**" It is a disgraceful savagery, and treason committed against the social life of Islam. **Yes, while they are obliged to be in solidarity, to be hand in hand in position of defense; would the nasty, envious, biased behavior and hostile stubbornness which would come to mean facilitating their attacks and opening a door for them to enter the blessed places of Islam, befit the people of faith in any aspect?** (*Letters*, p. 269)

BEDUIZZAMAN SAYS THAT HAZRAT MAHDI (AS) WILL BRING ABOUT ISLAMIC UNION

The most important and greatest and most valuable of the three duties of THE PERSON AWAITED BY THE ISLAMIC COMMUNITY, AND WHO WILL COME IN THE END TIMES is to spread out the true faith and to save believers from deviation. In that respect, that duty has been seen in the Treatise of Light in the complete sense. Individuals like Imam Ali (ra) and Ghawth al-A'zam and Osman al-Khalidi have referred to the rank of that person to come as if they have seen it in the spiritual identity of the Treatise of Light with foresight (knowing something secret with Allah inspiring into one's heart). Sometimes they have given that spiritual identity to a servant and regarded that servant with compliments. It appears from this truth that; this blessed person who will come later will disseminate and implement the Treatise of Light as a program.

The second duty of that individual is to implement and practice the religion (the religion of Islam). While the first duty is performed not by material power, but rather with the strong faith, sincerity and loyalty, this second duty requires such a great material

power and reign so that this second task can be performed.

THE THIRD DUTY OF THAT INDIVIDUAL IS TO SERVE THE RELIGION OF ISLAM BY BUILDING THE SUCCESSION OF ISLAM ON ISLAMIC UNITY, COOPERATING WITH THE DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS (CHRISTIANS). This task can only be fulfilled with such great authority and power and millions of self-sacrificing followers. The first duty is three-four times more valuable than those other two duties. Yet, that second and third duties are so glorious, and performed in such a bright and broad sphere, that they appear as more important in the public eye. Propounding some views of those followers of Light and of our brothers, some of whom are saints, that require clarification and explanation will alarm and has alarmed, the people who are indulgent in this world and the people of politics; it leads to their attacks. Because they fail to see the reality and value of that first duty; they ascribe to other aspects. (*Ratifying Stamp of the Unseen, p.9*)



ISLAMIC UNION WILL BE A FESTIVAL AND LIBERATION OF MUSLIMS

Beloved, loyal brothers of mine,

We celebrate your blessed festival with our heart and soul. **INSHA'ALLAH, YOU WILL LIVE TO REACH THE GREAT FESTIVAL OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD. THERE ARE MANY INDICATIONS (signs and proofs) TO STATE THAT THE SUPREME QUR'AN THAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE BLESSED CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED REPUBLICS OF ISLAM WILL COMPLETELY PREVAIL IN THE FUTURE AND BRING A COMPLETE FEAST TO HUMANITY.**

Secondly: No doubt has been left that the Treatise of Light and its followers are the recipients of the honor of , Divine protection and help (the protection and help of Allah), so much so that for a long time they could only harm the followers of Light with their ever so persistent wrathful stubbornness in precision and some optional laws as one in a hundred in proportion. Even though there had been a dreadful plan to distract six hundred students among the active followers of Light with the courts, only six students were temporarily bothered. Insomuch that as the hero of Light had written, twenty five courts of law are unable to find a reason for liability in hundreds of thousands of documents and hundreds of thousands of students. And those various courts of law saying “....there is no crime in Light and we cannot find it” is a solid (definitive) proof. (*Emirdag Addendum, p.315*)

Fifthly: Now, in this time, there is one, and only one, solution in the face of unbelief and irreligiousness and anarchism and materialism which are the greatest dangers of the time. And that is to embrace the facts of the Qur'an. Or else the disaster brought by the hand of humans that turned once- great China to communism within a very short time would not be silenced with political, material powers. The only thing that will silence it is the haqiqat al-Qur'an (the truths of the Qur'an).

The sign (traces) of the matter about the Laylat al-Qadr (the Night of Power, towards the end of Ramadan, when Muhammad received the first revelation of the Qur'an) in the Risala (Message) of Guide is now observed both in America and in Europe. Therefore, **THE TRUE (REAL) POWER OF THIS CURRENT GOVERNMENT OF OURS IS TO RELY ON AND SERVE THE THE TRUTHS OF THE QUR'AN. WITH THAT, THE BROTHERS WITHIN THE UNITY OF ISLAM (THE UNION OF ISLAM) AND THE THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILLION BROTHERS WITHIN THE BROTHERHOOD OF ISLAM THAT IS THE RESERVE (SUBSTITUTE) POWER WILL SUCCEED. PREVIOUSLY, THE CHRISTIAN STATES WERE NOT IN FAVOR OF THIS UNITY OF ISLAM (UNION OF ISLAM), BUT NOW THAT COMMUNISM AND ANARCHISM HAVE APPEARED, BOTH AMERICA AND EUROPE ARE OBLIGED TO BE IN FAVOR OF THE QUR'AN AND THE UNION OF ISLAM (UNITY OF ISLAM)...** Your Brother Said Nursi (*Emirdag Addendum, p.297*)



.6.

*Allah
Has Commanded
Muslims to be
United, Unity is a
Religious Obligation*

In the Qur'an Allah commanded Muslims to be united and to love each other and consider like brothers from the same parents, to be compassionate, forgiving and protective towards each other and to strictly avoid being dispersed, separated and fragmentized.

ALL MUSLIMS ARE BROTHERS AND A SINGLE COMMUNITY

This nation of yours is one nation and I am your Lord, so worship Me. But they disagreed and split into different sects. Each one will return to Us. (Surat al-Anbiya, 92-93)

Hold fast to the rope of Allah all together, and do not separate. Remember Allah's blessing to you when you were enemies and He joined your hearts together so that you became brothers by His blessing. You were on the very brink of a pit of the Fire and He rescued you from it. In this way Allah makes His Signs clear to you, so that hopefully you will be guided. (Surah Al-I Imran, 103)

The believers are brothers, so make peace between your brothers and have fear of Allah so that hopefully you will gain mercy. (Surat al-Hujurat, 10)

Obey Allah and His Messenger and do not quarrel among yourselves lest you lose heart and your momentum disappear. And be steadfast. Allah is with the steadfast. (Surat al-Anfal, 46)

Those who are unbelievers are the friends and protectors of one another. **If you do not act in this way there will be turmoil in the land and great corruption.** (Surat al-Anfal, 73)

ALLAH COMMANDS ALL MUSLIMS TO UNITE AND WAGE AN INTELLECTUAL STRUGGLE AGAINST IRRELIGION

What reason could you have for not fighting in the Way of Allah – for those men, women and children who are oppressed and say, **‘Our Lord, take us out of this city whose inhabitants are wrongdoers! Give us a protector from You! Give us a helper from You!’?** (Surat an-Nisa, 75)

Struggle with them until there is no more corruption and the religion is Allah’s alone. If they stop, Allah sees what they do, (Surat an-Anfal, 39)

..those who, when they are wronged, **defend themselves.** (Surat ash-Shura, 39)



Allah loves those **who struggle in His Way in ranks like well-built walls.** (Surat as-Saff, 4)

There have been twelve months with Allah in the Book of Allah, from the day He first created the heavens and earth. Four of them are forbidden. That is the True Religion. So do not wrong one another during them. However, **struggle with the idolaters totally just as they struggle with you totally, and** know that Allah is with those who guard against evil. (Surat at-Tawba, 36)

As it is clear from these verses and the Qur'an in general;

- It is obligatory for Muslims,
- To unite,
- To be attached to one another with a brotherly love and compassion
- Not to be in conflict,
- To be the friends and guardians of one another,
- To protect and watch one another under all conditions,
- To constantly consult one another,
- To struggle scientifically against disbelief in ranks like well-built walls with one's Muslim brothers

In this case it is unlawful to assume a contrary attitude, that is;

- To be separative rather than to be unitary,
- Not to approach one's Muslim brothers with love and compassion,
- Not to be forgiving and protective against Muslim brothers,
- Not to struggle against disbelief in the intellectual sense, not to be like well-built walls with other Muslims.

.7.

*The Characteristics of
Religious Scholars
of the End Times
Who are Arrogant
and Weak
in Faith and Intellect*

Bediuzzaman says that certain religious scholars in the End Times who are weak in faith and intellect, and who are also arrogant and proud, will fail to understand the truths revealed in the hadiths, for which reason they will tend to deny them:

Since the hadiths that speak of the signs of the end of time, the events at the end of time, and the merits and rewards of certain actions have not been well understood, some scholars who rely on their reason have pronounced some of them to be either weak or false. While some of the scholars **WHOSE BELIEF WAS WEAK BUT WHOSE EGOTISM WAS STRONG** have gone as far as denying them.

Conclusion: O UNFAIR, UNTHINKING, SELF-CENTERD, ARGUMENTATIVE MAN WHOSE BELIEF IS WEAK AND PHILOSOPHY, STRONG! Consider these Ten Principles, then do not make the pretext a narration you thought was contrary to the truth and definitely opposed to reality, and point the finger of objection at Hadiths thus casting aspersions on the Noble Messenger's (saas) sinlessness! (*Bediuzzaman Said Nursi, Words, Twenty-Fourth Word, Third Branch*)

THOSE WHOSE BELIEF IS WEAK DEEM IT UNLIKELY that what is narrated in a sound Hadith, "Jesus (as) will come, he will act in accordance with the Shari'a of Islam, and he will kill the dajjal [intellectually eliminate it]," will come about. But if the reality of this is explained, no reason remains to deem it unlikely. (*Letters / Fifteenth Letter – p. 77*)

One other thing remains and it is the most dangerous: among yourselves and among your friends to feel jealous of this poor brother of yours is most dangerous. There are scholars of standing among you, and **SOME SCHOLARS ARE EGOTISTICAL IN REGARD TO THEIR LEARNING.** Even if they themselves are modest, they are egotistical in that respect. They cannot easily give it up. Whatever their hearts and minds may do, their evil-commanding souls **want eminence, to sell themselves, and even to dispute the treatises that have been written.**

Although their hearts love the treatises and their minds appreciate them and recognize their worth, **due to jealousy arising from the egotism of learning, their souls want to reduce the value of the Words, as though nurturing an implicit enmity towards them, so that the products of their own thought can compete with them and be sold like them.**

But I have to tell them this:

Even if those in this circle of Qur'anic teaching are leading scholars and authorities on the Law, their duties in respect of the sciences of belief are only explanations and elucidations of the Words that have been written, or the ordering of them. For I have understood through many signs that we have been charged *with the duty of issuing fatwas concerning these sciences of belief.* If someone within our circle writes some things outside an explanation or elucidation due to a feeling in his soul arising from the egotism of learning, it will be like

a cold dispute or a deficient plagiarism because it has become established through numerous evidences and signs that the parts of the Treatise of Light have issued from the Qur'an. In accordance with the rule of the division of labour, each of us has undertaken a duty, and we make those distillations of the water of life reach those who are in need of them! (*Letters / Twenty - Ninth Letter - Sixth Section - pp. 498-499*)

Or, like Buddhists, who claim to be familiar with the Unseen, or **THE PSEUDO-INTELLECTUALS**, who imagine their conjectures about its affairs to be certain, **DOES WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT THE UNSEEN NOT APPEAL TO THEM?** (*The Words / Twenty-Fifth Word - First Light - First Ray - p.400*)

Together with indicating many truths, these three things also allude to the spiritual voyaging of the soul, the mind, and the heart. They also correspond to three levels of those who investigate reality.*

The First indicates those who follow the path of intellectual thought; those who follow the path of sainthood; and those who follow the path of prophethood.

The Second corresponds to those who approach reality by striving for perfection through the bodily systems; and those who approach it by striving with the mind and refining the soul; and those who approach it through belief, submission, and purifying the heart.

* There are also three groups in each level. The three things given as examples in the comparison look to these three groups which are in each level. Indeed, they look to those nine groups, not the three levels.

The Third is the comparison of those **WHO DO NOT GIVE UP**

EGOTISM, ARE PLUNGED INTO WORKS, and approach reality through deduction and reasoning only; and of those who search for reality through knowledge and science, reason and learning; and those who approach reality swiftly through belief and the Qur'an, poverty and worship. These comparisons point to the wisdom in the differences between the three groups, whose capacities are also different. (*The Words / Twenty-Fourth Word - Second Branch - pp.345-346*)

But **HOW CAN THOSE WHOSE MINDS SEE NO FURTHER THAN THEIR EYES AND ARE SUBMERGED IN MULTIPLICITY** reach those who follow elevated sacred aims through 'the legacy of prophethood'? (*The Words / Twenty-Fourth Word - Third Branch - p.360*)

The phrase “Is it at all possible?” is indeed repeated many times, because it expresses a most significant mystery. **MISGUIDANCE AND LACK OF BELIEF GENERALLY SPRING FROM THE HABIT OF IMAGINING THINGS TO BE IMPOSSIBLE, FAR REMOVED FROM THE REALM OF REASON, AND THEREFORE DENYING THEM.**

Now in this discussion of resurrection it has been decisively demonstrated that true impossibility, absurdity and **IRRATIONALITY PERTAIN TO THE PATH OF MISBELIEF AND THE ROAD OF MISGUIDANCE**, whereas true possibility, facility and rationality are characteristics of the path of faith and the highway of Islam. *(The Words / Tenth Word - Third Truth - p.77)*

YES, OF COURSE, IT IS DIFFICULT TO DEMONSTRATE SOMETHING AND CONVINCE SOMEONE LIKE YOU OVER WHOSE EYES A VEIL HAS BEEN DRAWN, AND WHO SEES ONLY WHAT IS IMMEDIATELY APPARENT TO THEM. BUT THE TRUTH IS SO BRILLIANT THAT even the blind can see it, so we also say what is unanimously agreed upon, that the depths of space are full of matter called 'ether'. Subtle energies like light, electricity, and heat point to the existence of some subtle matter which fills space. For just as fruits clearly demonstrate the existence of the tree that bore them, flowers their flower-bed, shoots their seed-bed, and fishes the sea, the stars also thrust before the mind's eye the necessary existence of their source, seed-bed, sea, and flower-bed.

Since there are different formations in the world above us, and different rules are seen to be in force under different conditions, the heavens, which are the source of those rules, also differ. And since just as in man there are immaterial faculties apart from his body, like the mind, heart, spirit, imagination, and memory, certainly in the world, which is the macro-anthropos, and in the universe, which is the tree of which man is the fruit, there are other worlds apart from the corporeal world. Moreover, there are heavens to each world, from the world of the Earth to the world of Paradise. (*The Words / Thirty-First Word - Second Principle - pp.594-595*)

Or **LIKE UNREASONING PHILOSOPHERS WHO RELY ON THEIR REASONS, DO THEY HOLD BACK FROM FOLLOWING YOU, SAYING: "OUR FACULTIES OF REASON ARE SUFFICIENT."** But reason commands that you are followed, because everything you say is reasonable. But again the reason on its own cannot reach it. (*The Words / Twenty-Fifth Word - First Light - First Ray - p.397*)

**... THEY IMAGINE ONE WHO IS ABSOLUTELY IMPO-
TENT TO BE A POSSESSOR OF ABSOLUTE POWER ...**
Since they have abdicated their reason and humanity to this degree and have fallen lower than the animals and even inanimate beings, ... (*The Words / Twenty-Fifth Word - First Light - First Ray - p.397*)

The Materialists, **WHOSE USE OF THEIR REASON IS LIMITED TO WHAT IS IMMEDIATELY APPARENT TO THEM,** have, in their nonsensical philosophies which are based upon foundations of futility, taken the transformations of particles, which they regard as the results of coincidence, as the fundamental basis of all their principles and shown that the Divine works and creatures result from those transformations. Anyone with a grain of intelligence would know how contrary to reason is their attributing creatures adorned with infinite instances of wisdom to something based on purposeless, meaningless coincidence, which is quite without order. (*The Words / Thirtieth Word - Second Aim - p.574*)

.8.

*The Importance of
the Signs Leading
to Faith in the
Way of the Mahdi
Against Weakness
of Faith*

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF PEOPLE OF WEAK FAITH IN THE QUR'AN

In the hadith about the End Times, our Prophet (saas) related that one of the perils of this period is the weakness of faith the majority of people suffer:

“Such a time will come upon people that the one who perseveres in observing the requirements of the religion and lives a life becoming of a Muslim will resemble the one who holds fire in the palm of his hand.” (*Tirmidhi, Fitān, 73; Abu Dawūd, Malāhim, 17*)

In these words, our Prophet (saas) told us that the source of disorder of the End Times will make people's showing perseverance in faith difficult. In other words, weakness of faith will become a malady of this period.

Indeed, while describing the three duties of Hazrat Mahdi (as), Bediuzzaman also explained that Hazrat Mahdi (as) will be instrumental in sparing the faith of humanity:

SPREADING OUT THE TRUE FAITH AND SPARING BELIEVERS FROM DEVIATION, THE MOST IMPORTANT, THE GREATEST AND THE MOST PRECIOUS DUTY AMONG THE THREE DUTIES OF THAT PERSON awaited by the Islamic community, WHO WILL COME AT THE END TIMES...(The Ratifying Stamp of the Unseen, p. 9)

As Bediuzzaman stated, Hazrat Mahdi (as) will be instrumental in people embracing faith in a sincere manner and living by the morality of the True Religion by explaining the signs leading to faith by “books, texts and documentaries.”

In the End Times, the basic reason preventing people from having faith is Darwinism and materialism. For this reason, both proving the invalidity of the Darwinist and materialist ideologies in the scientific sense and pointing out the signs leading to faith will, by Allah's leave, be instrumental in people embracing faith.

MOST PEOPLE DO NOT GENUINELY BELIEVE

Why is it that, whenever they make a contract, a group of them disdainfully tosses it aside? No indeed! **Most of them have no faith.** (Surat al-Baqara, 100)

“Now if we only had a chance of return we shall truly be of those who believe!” Verily in this is a Sign but **most of them do not believe.** (Surat ash-Shu'ara, 102-103)

But most people, for all your eagerness, **are not believers** (Surah Yusuf, 103)

... Be in no doubt about it. It is the Truth from your Lord. **But most people have no faith.** (Surah Hud, 17)

For the punishment did come down them. There is certainly a Sign in that, yet **most of them are not believers.** (Surat ash-Shu'ara, 158)

THEY HAVE SPIRITUAL DOUBTS

Among the people there are some who say, ‘**We believe in Allah and the Last Day,**’ when they are not believers. They think they deceive Allah and those who believe. They deceive no one but themselves, but they are not aware of it. (Surat al-Baqara, 8-9)

What! **Are they in doubt about the meeting with their Lord?** What! Does He not encompass all things? (Surat al-Fussilat, 54)

You who believe! What is the matter with you that when you are

told, 'Go out and struggle in the way of Allah', you sink down heavily to the earth? Are you happier with this world than the hereafter? Yet the enjoyment of this world is very small compared to that of the hereafter. (Surat at-Tawba, 38)

THEY EASILY FALL UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF SATAN

If someone shuts his eyes to the remembrance of the All-Merciful, We assign him a satan who becomes his bosom friend. They debar them from the path, yet they still think they are guided. (Surat az-Zukhruf, 36-37)

Satan has gained mastery over them and made them forget the remembrance of Allah. Such people are the party of satan. No indeed! It is the party of satan who are the losers. (Surat al-Mujadala, 19)

THEY PRETEND TO KNOW A GREAT DEAL, DESPITE BEING WEAK IN INTELLECT AND FAITH

...They did not want to strive with their wealth and themselves in the Way of Allah. They said, 'Do not go out to fight in the heat.' Say: 'The Fire of Hell is much hotter, if they only understood. (Surat at-Tawba, 81)

When they are told, 'Do not cause corruption on the earth,' they say, 'We are only putting things right.' No indeed! They are the corrupters, but they are not aware of it. (Surat al-Baqara, 11-12)

And when Moses said to his people, 'Allah commands you to sacrifice a cow,' they said, 'What! Are you making a mockery of us?' He said, 'I seek refuge with Allah from being one of the ignorant!' (Surat al-Baqara, 67)

Indeed is the sincere religion not Allah's alone? If people take protectors besides Him—'We only worship them so that they may bring us nearer to Allah'—Allah will judge between them regarding the things about which they differed....(Surat az-Zumar, 3)

THEY ARE COWARDLY

They swear by Allah that they are of your number, but they are not of your number. Rather, they are people who are scared. (Surat at-Tawba, 56)

...some of them asked the Prophet to excuse them, saying, 'Our houses are exposed,' when they were not exposed; it was merely that they wanted to run away. (Surat al-Ahzab, 13)

THEY ARE FLEXIBLE AND APATHETIC IN MATTERS OF RELIGION

If you ask them they will say, 'We were only joking and playing around.' Say: 'Would you make a mockery of Allah and of His Signs and of His Messenger? Do not try to excuse yourselves. You have disbelieved after believing...(Surat at-Tawba, 65-66)

.... They were told, 'Come and fight in the Way of Allah or at least help defend us.' They said, 'If we knew how to fight, we would certainly follow you.' They were closer to disbelief that day than to faith, saying with their mouths what was not in their hearts. (Surah Al' Imran, 167)

If they had truly desired to go out (to fight), they would have made proper preparations for it.... (Surat at-Tawba, 46)

There are only grounds against those who ask you for permission to stay when they are rich. They were pleased to be among those who were left behind...(Surat at-Tawba, 93)

THEY IMMEDIATELY FALL INTO DESPAIR

When We bless man, he turns away and draws aside. **When evil touches him, he despairs.** (Surat al-Isra', 83)

When We give people a taste of mercy, they rejoice in it, **but when something bad happens to them because of what they themselves have done, they immediately lose all hope.** (Surat ar-Rum, 36)

THEY HAVE A TENDENCY TO DESPAIR

Man never tires of praying for the good and **if evil touches him, he despairs and loses hope.** (Surat al-Fussilat, 49)

Were not My Signs rehearsed to you, and you did but treat them as falsehood?" They will say, **'Our Lord, our miserable destiny overpowered us. We were misguided people.'** (Surat al-Muminun, 105-106)

He who has fear will be reminded; **but the most miserable will shun it...** (Surat al-A'la, 10-11)

THEY HAVE A TENDENCY TO THINK THEY HAVE BEEN TREATED UNJUSTLY

Among them there are some who find fault with you concerning the alms. **If they are given some of it, they are pleased but if they are not given any, they are angry.** (Surat at-Tawba, 58)

Is there a sickness in their hearts or do they have misgivings or **do they fear that Allah and His Messenger will be unjust to them?** No, it is simply that they are wrongdoers. (Surat an-Nur, 50)



THEY ASCRIBE EQUALS TO ALLAH AND FEAR OTHER PEOPLE

... Then when fighting is prescribed for them, a group of them fear people as Allah should be feared, or even more than that. They say, 'Our Lord, why have you prescribed fighting for us? If only You would give us just a little more time!' (Surat an-Nisa, 77)

You are a greater cause of terror in their breasts than Allah! That is because they (the hypocrites) are people who do not understand. (Surat al-Hashr, 13)

Most of them do not believe in Allah without associating others with Him. (Surah Yusuf, 106)

THEY SPEAK WITH THE AIM OF SPREADING CORRUPTION

Each time a surah is sent down there are some among them who say, 'Which of you has this increased in faith?' As for those who believe, it increases them in faith and they rejoice at it. (Surat at-Tawba, 124)

And a group of them said, 'People of Yathrib, Your position is untenable so return!' some of them asked the Prophet to excuse them, saying, 'Our houses are exposed,' when they were not exposed; it was merely that they wanted to run away. (Surat al-Ahzab, 13)

Among them is a group who distort the Book with their tongues so that you think it is from the Book when it is not from the Book. They say, 'It is from Allah,' but it is not from Allah. They tell a lie against Allah and they know it. (Surah Al'Imran, 78)

From the mischief of the Whisperer (of Evil), who withdraws (after his whisper), (The same) who whispers into the hearts of Mankind (Surat an- Nas, 4-5)

THEY SPEAK DECEITFULLY TO UNBELIEVERS REGARDING THE FAITHFUL

If they had gone out among you, they would have added nothing to you but confusion. They would have scurried about amongst you seeking to cause conflict between you, and among you there are some who would have listened to them. Allah knows the wrongdoers. (Surat at-Tawba, 47)

THEY DO NOT REMAIN TRUE TO THEIR WORD, THEY ARE DISLOYAL

Those who break Allah's contract after it has been agreed, and sever what Allah has commanded to be joined, and cause corruption on the earth... (Surat al-Baqara, 27)

If they had been overrun from every side, and had then been asked to revert to disbelief, they would have done so and hesitated very little about it. (Surat al-Ahzab, 14)

THEY TRY TO SPEAD FALSEHOODS AMONG BELIEVERS

There is a group of you who propagated the lie. Do not suppose it to be bad for you; rather it is good for you... (Surat an-Nur, 11)

THEY SEEK TO PUT BELIEVERS INTO DIFFICULT POSITIONS

If something good happens to you, it galls them. If something

bad strikes you, they rejoice in it. But if you are steadfast and guard against evil, their scheming will not harm you in any way...(Surah Al'Imran, 120)

If good happens to you it galls them. If a mishap occurs to you, they say, 'We made our preparations in advance,' and they turn away rejoicing. (Surat at-Tawba, 50)

...They love what causes you distress...(Surah Al'Imran, 118)

THEY MAKE FALSE VOWS

Do you not see those who have turned to people with whom Allah is angry? **They belong neither to you nor to them. And they swear to falsehood and do so knowingly.** (Surat al-Mujadala, 14)

THEY SEEK OTHER PEOPLE'S APPROVAL INSTEAD OF THE APPROVAL OF ALLAH

They will swear to you to make you pleased with them, but even if you are pleased with them, Allah is certainly not pleased with deviant people. (Surat at-Tawba, 96)

They swear to you by Allah in order to please you, but it would be more fitting for them to please Allah and His Messenger if they are believers. (Surat at-Tawba, 62)

And (We have prepared a humiliating punishment) also for **those who spend their wealth to show off to people,** not believing in Allah and the Last Day... (Surat an-Nisa, 38)

They try to conceal themselves from people, but they cannot conceal themselves from Allah. He is with them when they spend the night saying things which are not pleasing to Him... (Surat an-Nisa, 108)

THEY DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE VERSES OF THE QUR'AN

That is because they have believed and then returned to disbelief. **So their hearts have been sealed up** and they cannot understand. (Surat al-Munafiqun, 3)

It is He Who sent down the Book to you from Him: verses containing clear judgements—they are the core of the Book—and others which are open to interpretation. **Those with deviation in their hearts follow what is open to interpretation in it, desiring conflict, seeking its inner meaning...** (Surah Al'Imran, 7)

THEY MAKE FRIENDS AMONG THE UNBELIEVERS AGAINST MUSLIMS

That is because **they said to those who hate what Allah has sent down, 'We will obey you in part of the affair.'** But Allah knows their secrets. (Surah Muhammad, 26)

Do those who take the disbelievers as protectors, rather than the believers, hope to find power and strength with them? Power and strength belong entirely to Allah. (Surat an-Nisa, 139)

THEY MAKE EXCUSES FOR NOT STRIVING ON THE PATH OF ALLAH

There are only grounds against **those who ask you for permission to stay when they are rich. They were pleased to be among those who were left behind.** Allah has sealed up their hearts so they do not know... (Surat at-Tawba, 93)

Those who were left behind were glad to stay behind the Messenger of Allah. They did not want to strive with their wealth and

themselves in the Way of Allah. They said, 'Do not go out to fight in the heat.' Say: 'The Fire of Hell is much hotter, if they only understood.' (Surat at-Tawba, 81)

If it had been a case of easy gains and a short journey, they would have followed you, but the distance was too great for them. They will swear by Allah...(Surat at-Tawba, 42)

THEY PERFORM THEIR RELIGIOUS OBLIGATIONS ONLY RELUCTANTLY

Nothing prevents what they give from being accepted from them but the fact that they have rejected Allah and His Messenger, and that they only come to prayer lethargically, and that they only give reluctantly. (Surat at-Tawba, 54)

... When they get up to pray, they get up lazily, showing off to people, and only remembering Allah a very little. (Surat an-Nisa, 142)

Those who believe in Allah and the Last Day do not ask you to excuse them from striving with their wealth and themselves. Allah knows the people who guard against evil. Only those who do not believe in Allah and the Last Day ask you to excuse them. Their hearts are full of doubt and in their doubt they waver to and fro. (Surat at-Tawba, 44-45)

THEY ARE HOSTILE AND FULL OF HATRED TOWARD MUSLIMS

... Hatred has appeared out of their mouths, but what their breasts hide is far worse... (Surah Al'Imran, 118)

There you are, loving them when they do not love you, even though you believe in all the Books. When they meet you, they say, 'We believe.' But when they leave they bite their fingers out of rage against you.

Say, 'Die in your rage.' Allah knows what your hearts contain. (Surah Al'Imran, 119)

THEY DISLIKE HAVING TO OBEY THE PROPHET

When they are summoned to Allah and His Messenger, so that he can judge between them, a group of them immediately turns away. But if the right is on their side, they come to him with all submission. Is there a sickness in their hearts or do they have misgivings or do they fear that Allah and His Messenger will be unjust to them?... (Surat an-Nur, 48-50)

Then We sent Our Messengers one after another, at intervals. Each time its Messenger came to a community they called him a liar.... (Surat al-Muminun, 44)

THEY ENGAGE IN MOCKERY

When you see people engrossed in mockery of Our Signs, turn from them until they start to talk of other things. And if satan should ever cause you to forget, once you remember, do not stay sitting with the wrongdoers. (Surat al-An'am, 68)

If you ask them they will say, 'We were only joking and playing around.' Say: 'Would you make a mockery of Allah and of His Signs and of His Messenger?' (Surat at-Tawba, 65)

You who believe! People should not ridicule others who may be better than themselves; nor should any women ridicule other women who may be better than themselves. And do not find fault with one another or insult each other with derogatory nicknames. How evil it is to have a name for evil conduct after coming to faith! Those people who do not turn from it are wrongdoers. (Surat al-Hujurat, 11)

THEY GOSSIP AND BACKBITE

Woe to every faultfinding backbiter who has amassed wealth and hoarded it; (Surat al-Humaza, 1)

You who believe! Avoid most suspicion. Indeed some suspicion is a crime. And do not spy and do not backbite one another. Would any of you like to eat his brother's dead flesh? No, you would hate it. And have fear of Allah. Allah is Ever-Returning, Most Merciful. (Surat al-Hujurat, 12)

THEY ARE ENVIOUS

...Those given the Book only differed after knowledge had come to them, **envying one another**. As for those who reject Allah's Signs, Allah is swift at reckoning. (Surah Al'Imran, 19)

Only those who were given it differed about it, **after the Clear Signs had come to them, envying one another**. (Surat al-Baqara, 213)

THEY ANNOY PEOPLE BY TALKING ABOUT THEIR OWN GOOD DEEDS

You who believe! **Do not nullify your charity by demands for gratitude or insulting words, like him who spends his wealth, showing off to people and not believing in Allah and the Last Day**. His likeness is that of a smooth rock coated with soil, which, when heavy rain falls on it, is left stripped bare. They have no power over anything they have earned. (Surat al-Baqara, 264)

THEY ARE BOASTFUL

Do not be like those who left their homes in arrogance, **showing off**

to people and barring them from the way of Allah—Allah encompasses what they do. (Surat al-Anfal, 47)

But if We let him taste blessings after hardship has afflicted him, he says, 'My troubles have gone away,' and **he is overjoyed, boastful.** (Surah Hud, 10)

(Disbelievers will be told,) 'That is because you exulted on the earth, without any right to do so; and strutted about. (Surah Ghafir, 75)

THEY ARE ARGUMENTATIVE

Say, '**Do you argue with us about Allah when He is our Lord and your Lord?** We have our actions and you have your actions. We act for Him alone.' (Surat al-Baqara, 139)

What about **the one who argued with Abraham about his Lord**, on the basis that Allah had given him sovereignty?... (Surat al-Baqara, 258)

If **anyone argues with you about him** after the knowledge that has come to you, say, 'Come then! Let us summon our sons and your sons, our women and your women, ourselves and yourselves. Then let us make earnest supplication and call down the curse of Allah upon the liars.' (Surah Al'Imran, 61)

(Say,) '**You are people arguing about something of which you have no knowledge. Why do you argue about something of which you have no knowledge?** Allah knows; you do not know.' (Surah Al'Imran, 66)

Some of them listen to you but We have placed covers on their hearts, preventing them from understanding it, and heaviness in their ears. Though they see every Sign, they still have no faith, **so that when they come to you, disputing with you**, those who disbelieve say, 'This is nothing but the myths of previous peoples!' (Surat al-An'am, 25)

Among people there is one who argues about Allah without **knowledge or guidance or any light-giving Book.** (Surat al-Hajj, 8)

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*Verses from
the Quran Indicating
the Global Prevalence
of Islamic
Moral Values*

Allah has promised those of you who believe and do right actions that **He will make them successors in the land as He made those before them successors, and will firmly establish for them their religion with which He is pleased and give them, in place of their fear, security. 'They worship Me, not associating anything with Me.'** Any who are unbelievers after that, such people are deviators. (Surat an-Nur, 55)

We wrote down in the Zabur, after the Reminder came: **'It is My servants who are righteous who will inherit the earth.'** (Surat al-Anbiya, 105)

When Allah's help and victory have arrived and you have seen people entering Allah's religion in droves, then glorify your Lord's praise and ask His forgiveness. He is the Ever-Returning. (Surat an-Nasr, 1-3)

And other things you love: support from Allah and imminent victory. Give good news to the believers! (Surat as-Saff, 13)

Our Word was given before to Our servants, **the Messengers, that they** would certainly be helped. It is Our army which will be victorious. (Surat as-Saffat, 171-173)

Allah has written, **'I will be victorious, I and My Messengers.'** Allah is Most Strong, Almighty. (Surat al-Mujadala, 21)

Do not imagine that Allah will break His promise to His Messengers. Allah is Almighty, Exactor of Revenge. (Surah Ibrahim, 47)

It is He Who sent His Messenger with guidance and **the Religion of Truth to exalt it over every other religion,** though the associaters hate it. (Surat as-Saff, 9)

It is He Who sent His Messenger with the Guidance and **the Religion of Truth to exalt it over every other religion** and Allah suffices as a witness. (Surat al-Fath, 28)

It is He Who sent His Messenger with guidance and **the Religion of Truth to exalt it over every other religion**, even though the associaters detest it. (Surat at-Tawba, 33)

We will leave you the land to live in after them. That is the reward of those who fear My Station and fear My threat.' They asked for Allah's victory, and every obdurate tyrant failed. (Surah Ibrahim, 14-15)

Truly We have granted you a clear victory, so that Allah may forgive you your earlier errors and any later ones and complete His blessing upon you, and guide you on a Straight Path. And so that Allah may help you with a mighty help. (Surat al-Fath, 1-3)

Allah has confirmed His Messenger's vision with truth: 'You will enter the Masjid al-Haram in safety, Allah willing, shaving your heads and cutting your hair without any fear.' He knew what you did not know and **ordained, in place of this, an imminent victory.** (Surat al-Fath, 27)

...He knows what each self earns, and the **unbelievers** will soon know who has the **Ultimate Abode**. (Surah Rad, 42)

Except those who believe and do right actions and remember Allah repeatedly and defend themselves after they have been wronged? Those who do wrong will soon know the kind of reversal they will receive! (Surat ash-Shu'ara, 227)

Then We will rescue Our Messengers and those who believe as well. It is incumbent upon Us to rescue the believers. (Surah Yunus, 103)

.. Then We appointed you after them to be successors on the earth so We might observe how you would act. (Surah Yunus, 13-14)

And We bequeathed to the people who had been oppressed the easternmost part of the land We had blessed, and its westernmost part as well... (Surat al-Araf, 137)

They desire to extinguish Allah's Light with their mouths. But Allah refuses to do other than perfect His Light, even though the unbelievers detest it. (Surat at-Tawba, 32)

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APPENDIX

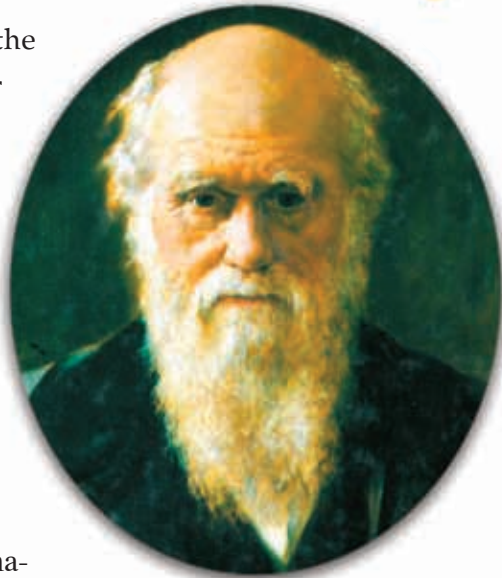
The Deception of Evolution

Darwinism, in other words the theory of evolution, was put forward with the aim of denying the fact of Creation, but is in truth nothing but failed, unscientific nonsense. **This theory, which claims that life emerged by chance from inanimate matter, was invalidated by the scientific evidence of miraculous order in the universe and in living things, as well as by the discovery of more than 300 million fossils revealing that evolution never happened. In this way, science confirmed the fact that Allah created the universe and the living things in it.** The propaganda carried out today in order to keep the theory of evolution alive is based solely on the distortion of the scientific facts, biased interpretation, and lies and falsehoods disguised as science.

Yet this propaganda cannot conceal the truth. The fact that **the theory of evolution is the greatest deception in the history of science** has been expressed more and more in the scientific world over the last 20-30 years. Research carried out after the 1980s in particular has revealed that the claims of Darwinism are totally unfounded, something that has been stated by a large number of scientists. In the United States in particular, many scientists from such different fields as biology, biochemistry and paleontology recognize the invalidity

of Darwinism and employ the fact of Creation to account for the origin of life.

We have examined the collapse of the theory of evolution and the proofs of Creation in great scientific detail in many of our works, and are still continuing to do so. Given the enormous importance of this subject, it will be of great benefit to summarize it here.



Charles Darwin

The Scientific Collapse of Darwinism

As a pagan doctrine going back as far as ancient Greece, the theory of evolution was advanced extensively in the nineteenth century. The most important development that made it the top topic of the world of science was Charles Darwin's *The Origin of Species*, published in 1859. In this book, he opposed, in his own eyes, the fact that Allah created different living species on Earth separately, for he erroneously claimed that all living beings had a common ancestor and had diversified over time through small changes. Darwin's theory was not based on any concrete scientific finding; as he also accepted, it was just an "assumption." Moreover, as Darwin confessed in the long chapter of his book titled "Difficulties on Theory," the theory failed in the face of many critical questions.

Darwin invested all of his hopes in new scientific discoveries, which he expected to solve these difficulties. However, contrary to his expectations, scientific findings expanded the dimensions of

these difficulties. The defeat of Darwinism in the face of science can be reviewed under three basic topics:

- 1) The theory cannot explain how life originated on Earth.
- 2) No scientific finding shows that the “evolutionary mechanisms” proposed by the theory have any evolutionary power at all.
- 3) The fossil record proves the exact opposite of what the theory suggests.

In this section, we will examine these three basic points in general outlines:

The First Insurmountable Step:

The Origin of Life

The theory of evolution posits that all living species evolved from a single living cell that emerged on Earth 3.8 billion years ago, supposed to have happened as a result of coincidences. How a single cell could generate millions of complex living species and, if such an evolution really occurred, why traces of it cannot be observed in the fossil record are some of the ques-



Louis Pasteur

tions that the theory cannot answer. However, first and foremost, we need to ask: **How did this “first cell” originate?**

Since the theory of evolution ignorantly denies Creation, it maintains that the “first cell” originated as a product of blind coincidences within the laws of nature, without any plan or arrangement. According to the theory, inanimate matter must have produ-

ced a living cell as a result of coincidences. Such a claim, however, is inconsistent with the most unassailable rules of biology.

“Life Comes From Life”

In his book, Darwin never referred to the origin of life. The primitive understanding of science in his time rested on the assumption that living beings had a very simple structure. Since medieval times, spontaneous generation, which asserts that non-living materi-



One of the evolutionists' gravest deceptions is the way they imagine that life could have emerged spontaneously on what they refer to as the primitive Earth, represented in the picture above. They tried to prove these claims with such studies as the Miller experiment. Yet they again suffered defeat in the face of the scientific facts: The results obtained in the 1970s proved that the atmosphere on what they describe as the primitive Earth was totally unsuited to life.

als came together to form living organisms, had been widely accepted. It was commonly believed that insects came into being from food leftovers, and mice from wheat. Interesting experiments were conducted to prove this theory. Some wheat was placed on a dirty piece of cloth, and it was believed that mice would originate from it after a while.

Similarly, maggots developing in rotting meat was assumed to be evidence of spontaneous generation. However, **it was later understood that worms did not appear on meat spontaneously, but were carried there by flies in the form of larvae, invisible to the naked eye.**

Even when Darwin wrote *The Origin of Species*, the belief that bacteria could come into existence from non-living matter was widely accepted in the world of science.

However, **five years after the publication of Darwin's book, Louis Pasteur announced his results after long studies and experiments, that disproved spontaneous generation, a cornerstone of Darwin's theory.** In his triumphal lecture at the Sorbonne in 1864, Pasteur said: **"Never will the doctrine of spontaneous generation recover from the mortal blow struck by this simple experiment."**¹

For a long time, advocates of the theory of evolution resisted these findings. However, as the development of science unraveled the complex structure of the cell of a living being, the idea that life could come into being coincidentally faced an even greater impasse.

Inconclusive Efforts of the Twentieth Century

The first evolutionist who took up the subject of the origin of life in the twentieth century was the renowned Russian biologist Alexander Oparin. With various theses he advanced in the 1930s, he tried to prove that a living cell could originate by coincidence. These

studies, however, were doomed to failure, and Oparin had to make the following confession:

Unfortunately, however, the problem of the origin of the cell is perhaps the most obscure point in the whole study of the evolution of organisms.²

Evolutionist followers of Oparin tried to carry out experiments to solve this problem. The best known experiment was carried out by the American chemist Stanley Miller in 1953. Combining the gases he alleged to have existed in the primordial Earth's atmosphere in an experiment set-up, and adding energy to the mixture, Miller synthesized several organic molecules (amino acids) present in the structure of proteins.



Alexander Oparin

Barely a few years had passed before it was revealed that **this experiment, which was then presented as an important step in the name of evolution, was invalid, for the atmosphere used in the experiment was very different from the real Earth conditions.**³

After a long silence, **Miller confessed that the atmosphere medium he used was unrealistic.**⁴

All the evolutionists' efforts throughout the twentieth century to explain the origin of life ended in failure. The geochemist Jeffrey Bada, from the San Diego Scripps Institute accepts this fact in an article published in *Earth* magazine in 1998:

Today as we leave the twentieth century, we still face the biggest unsolved problem that we had when we entered the twentieth century: How did life originate on Earth?⁵

The Complex Structure of Life

The primary reason why evolutionists ended up in such a great impasse regarding the origin of life is that even those living organisms Darwinists deemed to be the simplest have outstandingly complex features. The cell of a living thing is more complex than all of our man-made technological products. **Today, even in the most developed laboratories of the world, no single protein of the cell, let alone a living cell itself, can be produced by bringing organic chemicals together.**

The conditions required for the formation of a cell are too great in quantity to be explained away by coincidences. However, there is no need to explain the situation with these details. Evolutionists are at a dead-end even before reaching the stage of the cell. That is because the probability of just a single protein, an essential building block of the cell, coming into being by chance is mathematically "0."

The main reason for this is the need for other proteins to be present if one protein is to form, and this completely eradicates the possibility of chance formation. This fact by itself is sufficient to eliminate the evolutionist claim of chance right from the outset. To summarize,

Protein cannot be synthesized without enzymes, and enzymes are all proteins.

Around 100 proteins need to be present in order for a single protein to be synthesized. There therefore need to be proteins for proteins to exist.

DNA manufactures the protein-synthesizing enzymes. Protein cannot be synthesized without DNA. DNA is therefore also needed in order for proteins to form.

All the organelles in the cell have important tasks in protein synthesis. In other words, in order for proteins to form a perfect and fully functioning cell needs to exist together with all its organelles.

The DNA molecule, which is located in the nucleus of a cell and which stores genetic information, is a magnificent databank. If the information coded in DNA were written down, it would make a giant library consisting of an estimated 900 volumes of encyclopedias consisting of 500 pages each.

A very interesting dilemma emerges at this point: DNA can replicate itself only with the help of some specialized proteins (enzymes). However, the

All information about living beings is stored in the DNA molecule.

This incredibly efficient information storage method alone is a clear evidence that life did not come into being by chance, but has been marvelously created.



synthesis of these enzymes can be realized only by the information coded in DNA. As they both depend on each other, they have to exist at the same time for replication. This brings the scenario that life originated by itself to a deadlock. Prof. Leslie Orgel, an evolutionist of repute from the University of San Diego, California, confesses this fact in the September 1994 issue of the *Scientific American* magazine:

It is extremely improbable that proteins and nucleic acids, both of which are structurally complex, arose spontaneously in the same place at the same time. Yet it also seems impossible to have one without the other. And so, at first glance, one might have to conclude that life could never, in fact, have originated by chemical means.⁶

No doubt, if it is impossible for life to have originated spontaneously as a result of blind coincidences, then it has to be accepted that life was **created**. This fact explicitly invalidates the theory of evolution, whose main purpose is to deny Creation.

Imaginary Mechanism of Evolution

The second important point that negates Darwin's theory is that both concepts put forward by the theory as "evolutionary mechanisms" were understood to have, in reality, no evolutionary power.

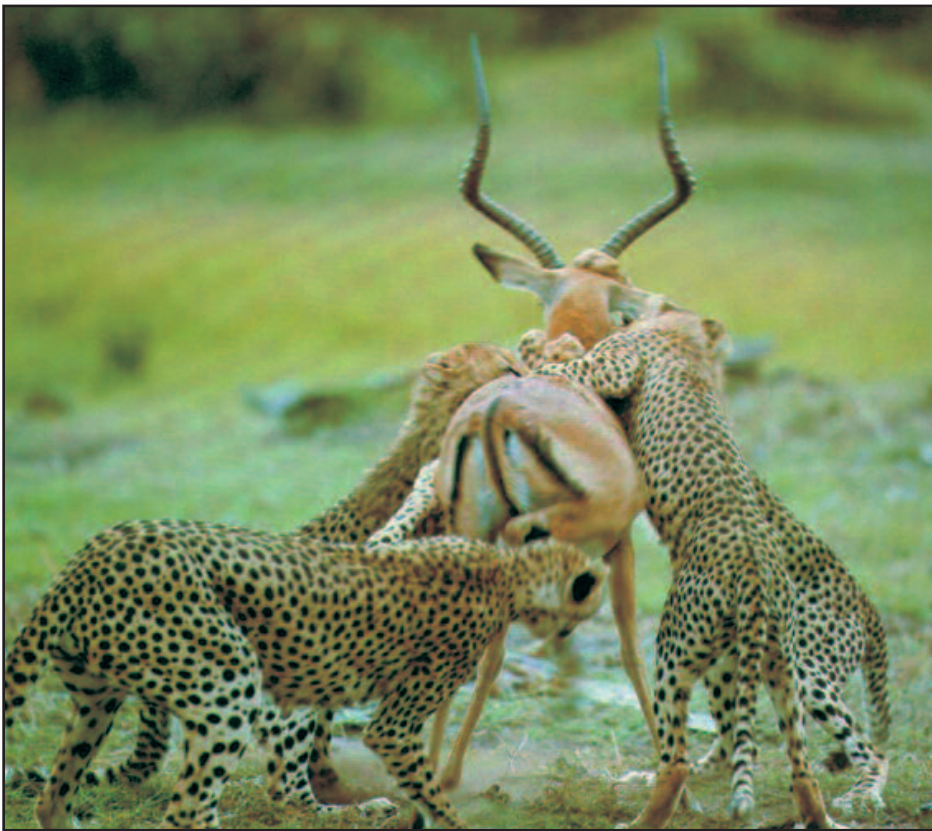
Darwin based his evolution allegation entirely on the mechanism of "natural selection." The importance he placed on this mechanism was evident in the name of his book: *The Origin of Species, By Means of Natural Selection...*

Natural selection holds that those living things that are stronger and more suited to the natural conditions of their habitats will survive in the struggle for life. For example, in a deer herd under the threat of attack by wild animals, those that can run faster will survive. Therefore, the deer herd will be comprised of faster and stronger

individuals. However, unquestionably, this mechanism will not cause deer to evolve and transform themselves into another living species, for instance, horses.

Therefore, **the mechanism of natural selection has no evolutionary power. Darwin was also aware of this fact** and had to state this in his book *The Origin of Species*:

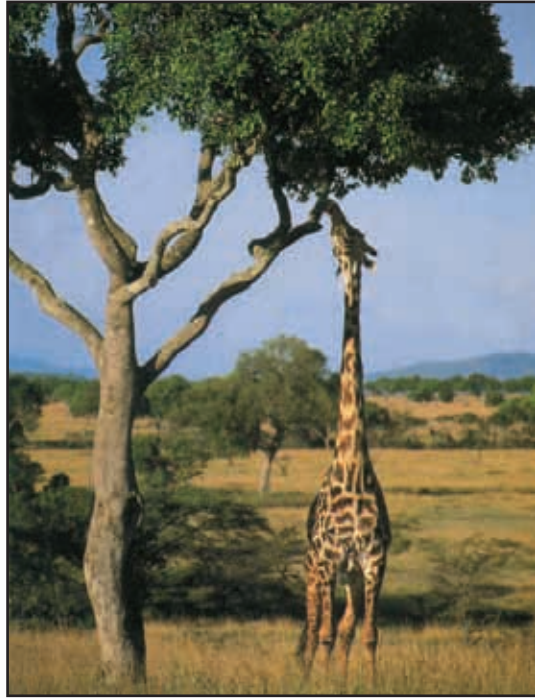
Natural selection can do nothing until favourable individual differences or variations occur.⁷



According to natural selection, the fittest living things and those best able to adapt to their environment survive, while the others die out. Evolutionists, however, maintain that natural selection evolves living things and gives rise to new species. The fact is, however, that no such consequences result from natural selection, and not a single piece of evidence supports that claim.

Lamarck's Impact

So, how could these "favorable variations" occur? Darwin tried to answer this question from the standpoint of the primitive understanding of science at that time. According to the French biologist Chevalier de Lamarck (1744-1829), who lived before Darwin, living creatures passed on the traits they acquired during their lifetime to the next generation. He asserted that these traits, which accumulated from one generation to another, caused new species to be formed. For instance, he claimed that giraffes evolved from antelopes; as they struggled to eat the leaves of high trees, their necks were extended from generation to generation.



French biologist Lamarck put forward a very unreasonable claim that giraffes evolved from antelopes. In fact, Allah created giraffes specially just like all other living things.

Darwin also gave similar examples. In his book *The Origin of Species*, for instance, he said that some bears going into water to find food transformed themselves into whales over time.⁸

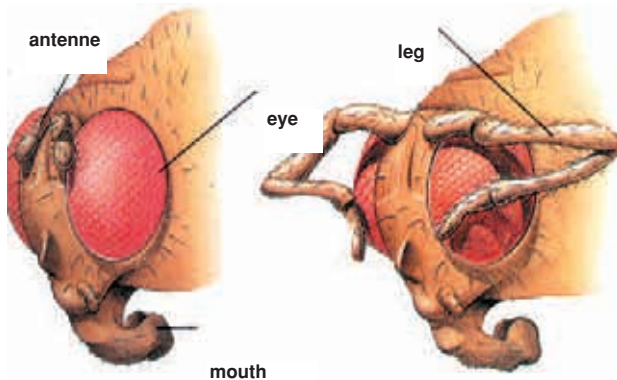
However, the laws of inheritance discovered by Gregor Mendel (1822-84) and verified by the science of genetics, which flourished in the twentieth century, utterly demolished the legend that acquired traits were passed on to subsequent generations. Thus, natural selection fell out of favor as an evolutionary mechanism.

Neo-Darwinism and Mutations

In order to find a solution, Darwinists advanced the “Modern Synthetic Theory,” or as it is more commonly known, Neo-Darwinism, at the end of the 1930s. Neo-Darwinism added mutations, which are distortions formed in the genes of living beings due to such external factors as radiation or replication errors, as the “cause of favorable variations” in addition to natural mutation.

Today, the model that Darwinists espouse, despite their own awareness of its scientific invalidity, is neo-Darwinism. The theory maintains that millions of living beings formed as a result of a process whereby numerous complex organs of these organisms (e.g., ears, eyes, lungs, and wings) underwent “mutations,” that is, genetic disorders. Yet, there is an outright scientific fact that totally undermines this theory: **Mutations do not cause living beings to develop; on the contrary, they are always harmful.**

The reason for this is very simple: **DNA has a very complex structure, and random effects can only harm it.** The American geneticist B. G. Ranganathan explains this as follows:



Since the beginning of the twentieth century, evolutionary biologists have sought examples of beneficial mutations by creating mutant flies. But these efforts have always resulted in sick and deformed creatures. The top picture shows the head of a normal fruit fly, and the picture on the right shows the head of a fruit fly with legs coming out of it, the result of mutation.

First, genuine mutations are very rare in nature. Secondly, most mutations are harmful since they are random, rather than orderly changes in the structure of genes; any random change in a highly ordered system will be for the worse, not for the better. For example, **if an earthquake were to shake a highly ordered structure such as a building, there would be a random change in the framework of the building which, in all probability, would not be an improvement.**⁹

Not surprisingly, no mutation example, which is useful, that is, which is observed to develop the genetic code, has been observed so far. All mutations have proved to be harmful. It was understood that mutation, which is presented as an “evolutionary mechanism,” is actually a genetic occurrence that harms living things, and leaves them disabled. (The most common effect of mutation on human beings is cancer.) Of course, a destructive mechanism cannot be an “evolutionary mechanism.” Natural selection, on the other hand, “can do nothing by itself,” as Darwin also accepted. This fact shows us that **there is no “evolutionary mechanism” in nature.** Since no evolutionary mechanism exists, no such imaginary process called “evolution” could have taken place.

The Fossil Record: No Sign of Intermediate Forms

The clearest evidence that the scenario suggested by the theory of evolution did not take place is the fossil record.

According to the unscientific supposition of this theory, every living species has sprung from a predecessor. A previously existing species turned into something else over time and all species have come into being in this way. In other words, this transformation proceeds gradually over millions of years.

Had this been the case, numerous intermediary species should have existed and lived within this long transformation period.

For instance, some half-fish/half-reptiles should have lived in



The larger picture belongs to a 100-million-year-old Nautilus fossil. On the left is a Nautilus living in our day. When we compare the fossil with today's Nautilus (on the right is the cross section of the creature's shell), we see that they both have the same identical characteristics.

the past which had acquired some reptilian traits in addition to the fish traits they already had. Or there should have existed some reptile-birds, which acquired some bird traits in addition to the reptilian traits they already had. Since these would be in a transitional phase, they should be disabled, defective, crippled living beings. Evolutionists refer to these imaginary creatures, which they believe to have lived in the past, as "transitional forms."

If such animals ever really existed, there should be millions and even billions of them in number and variety. More importantly, the remains of these strange creatures should be present in the fossil record. In *The Origin of Species*, Darwin explained: If my theory be true, numberless intermediate varieties, linking most closely all of the species of the same group together must assuredly have existed... Consequently, evidence of their former existence could be found only amongst fossil remains.¹⁰

However, **Darwin was well aware that no fossils of these intermediate forms had yet been found.** He regarded this as a major difficulty for his theory. In one chapter of his book titled "Difficulties on Theory," he wrote:

LIVING FOSSILS REFUTE EVOLUTION

Fossils are proof that evolution never happened. As the fossil record shows, living things came into being in a single moment, with all the characteristics they possess and never altered in the least for so long as the species survived. Fish have always existed as fish, insects as insects and reptiles as reptiles. There is no scientific validity to the claim that species develop gradually. Almighty Allah created all living things.



A 54-to-37-million-year-old
fossil sunfish



A 295-million-
year-old fossil
sea urchin

Crane Fly

Period: Cenozoic Era, Eocene epoch

Age: 48 to 37 million years old



Starfish

Period: Ordovician

Age: 500 to 440 million years old



A 125-million-year-old fossil cicada



Birch Leaf

Period: Eocene

Age: 50 million years old



A 50-million-year-old fossil sequoia leaf



Why, if species have descended from other species by insensibly fine gradations, **do we not everywhere see innumerable transitional forms? Why is not all nature in confusion instead of the species being, as we see them, well defined?...** But, as by this theory innumerable transitional forms must have existed, why do we not find them embedded in countless numbers in the crust of the earth?... Why then is not every geological formation and every stratum full of such intermediate links? ¹¹

Darwin's Hopes Shattered

However, although evolutionists have been making strenuous efforts to find fossils since the middle of the nineteenth century all over the world, **no transitional forms have yet been uncovered.** All of the fossils, contrary to the evolutionists' expectations, show that **life appeared on Earth all of a sudden and fully-formed.**

One famous British paleontologist, Derek V. Ager, admits this fact, even though he is an evolutionist:

The point emerges that if we examine the fossil record in detail, whether at the level of orders or of species, **we find – over and over again – not gradual evolution, but the sudden explosion of one group at the expense of another.**¹²

This means that in **the fossil record, all living species suddenly emerge as fully formed, without any intermediate forms in between.** This is just the opposite of Darwin's assumptions. Also, this is very strong evidence that **all living things are created.** The only explanation of a living species emerging suddenly and complete in every detail without any evolutionary ancestor is that it was created. This fact is admitted also by the widely known evolutionist biologist Douglas Futuyma:

Creation and evolution, between them, exhaust the possible

explanations for the origin of living things. Organisms either appeared on the earth fully developed or they did not. If they did not, they must have developed from pre-existing species by some process of modification. If they did appear in a fully developed state, they must indeed have been created by some omnipotent intelligence.¹³

Fossils show that living beings emerged fully developed and in a perfect state on the Earth. That means that “the origin of species,” contrary to Darwin’s supposition, is not evolution, but **Creation**.

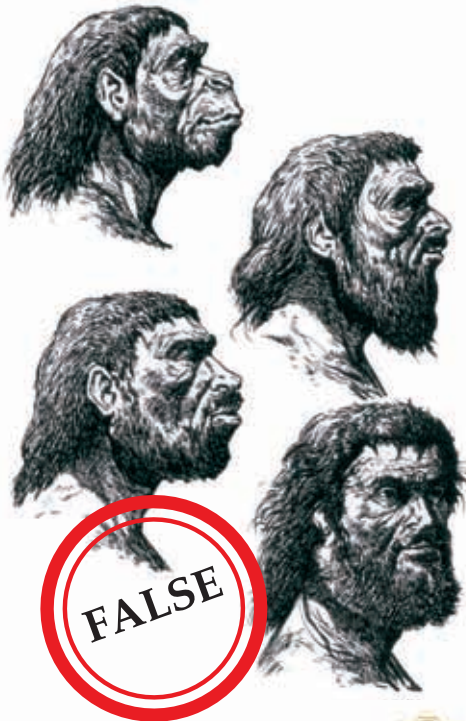
The Tale of Human Evolution

The subject most often brought up by advocates of the theory of evolution is the subject of the origin of man. The Darwinist claim holds that man evolved from so-called ape-like creatures. During this alleged evolutionary process, which is supposed to have started 4-5 million years ago, some “transitional forms” between man and

his imaginary ancestors are supposed to have existed. According to this completely imaginary scenario, four basic “categories” are listed:

1. *Australopithecus*
2. *Homo habilis*
3. *Homo erectus*
4. *Homo sapiens*

Evolutionists call man’s so-called first ape-like ancestors *Australopithecus*, which means “South African ape.” These living beings are actually nothing



but an old ape species that has become extinct. Extensive research done on various Australopithecus specimens by two world famous anatomists from England and the USA, namely, Lord Solly Zuckerman and Prof. Charles Oxnard, shows that these apes belonged to an ordinary ape species that became extinct and bore no resemblance to humans.¹⁴

Evolutionists classify the next stage of human evolution as "homo," that is "man." According to their claim, the living beings in the Homo series are more developed than Australopithecus. Evolutionists devise a fanciful evolution scheme by arranging different fossils of these creatures in a particular order. This scheme is imaginary because it has never been proved that there is an evolutionary relation between these different classes. Ernst Mayr, one of the twentieth century's most important evolutionists, contends in his book *One Long Argument* that "particularly historical [puzzles] such as the origin of life or of Homo sapiens, are extremely difficult and may even resist a final, satisfying explanation."¹⁵

Evolutionist newspapers and magazines often print pictures of primitive man. The only available source for these pictures is the imagination of the artist. Evolutionary theory has been so dented by scientific data that today we see less and less of it in the serious press.



By outlining the link chain as *Australopithecus* > *Homo habilis* > *Homo erectus* > *Homo sapiens*, evolutionists imply that each of these species is one another's ancestor. However, recent findings of paleo-anthropologists have revealed that *Australopithecus*, *Homo habilis*, and *Homo erectus* lived at different parts of the world at the same time.¹⁶

Moreover, a certain segment of humans classified as *Homo erectus* have lived up until very modern times. **Homo sapiens neandertalensis and Homo sapiens sapiens (man) co-existed in the same region.**¹⁷

This situation apparently indicates the invalidity of the claim that they are ancestors of one another. The late Stephen Jay Gould explained this deadlock of the theory of evolution although he was himself one of the leading advocates of evolution in the twentieth century:

What has become of our ladder if there are three coexisting lineages of hominids (*A. africanus*, the robust australopithecines, and *H. habilis*), none clearly derived from another? Moreover, none of the three display any evolutionary trends during their tenure on earth.¹⁸

Put briefly, the scenario of human evolution, which is "upheld" with the help of various drawings of some "half ape, half human" creatures appearing in the media and course books, that is, frankly, by means of propaganda, is nothing but **a tale with no scientific foundation.**

Lord Solly Zuckerman, one of the most famous and respected scientists in the U.K., who carried out research on this subject for years and studied *Australopithecus* fossils for 15 years, finally concluded, despite being an evolutionist himself, **that there is, in fact, no such family tree branching out from ape-like creatures to man.**

Zuckerman also made an interesting "spectrum of science" ran-

ging from those he considered scientific to those he considered unscientific. According to Zuckerman's spectrum, the most "scientific"—that is, depending on concrete data—fields of science are chemistry and physics. After them come the biological sciences and then the social sciences. At the far end of the spectrum, which is the part considered to be most "unscientific," are "extra-sensory perception"—concepts such as telepathy and sixth sense—and finally "human evolution." Zuckerman explains his reasoning:

We then move right off the register of objective truth into those fields of presumed biological science, like extrasensory perception or the interpretation of man's fossil history, where to the faithful [evolutionist] anything is possible – and where the ardent believer [in evolution] is sometimes able to believe several contradictory things at the same time.¹⁹

The tale of human evolution boils down to nothing but the prejudiced interpretations of some fossils unearthed by certain people, who blindly adhere to their theory.

Darwinian Formula!

Besides all the technical evidence we have dealt with so far, let us now for once, examine what kind of a superstition the evolutionists have with an example so simple as to be understood even by children:

The theory of evolution asserts that life is formed by chance. According to this irrational claim, lifeless and unconscious atoms came together to form the cell and then they somehow formed other living things, including man. Let us think about that. When we bring together the elements that are the building-blocks of life such as carbon, phosphorus, nitrogen and potassium, only a heap is formed. No matter what treatments it undergoes, this atomic heap cannot form even a single living being. If you like, let us formulate an "experi-

ment” on this subject and let us examine on the behalf of evolutionists what they really claim without pronouncing loudly under the name “**Darwinian formula**”:

Let evolutionists put plenty of materials present in the composition of living things such as phosphorus, nitrogen, carbon, oxygen, iron, and magnesium into big barrels. Moreover, let them add in these barrels any material that does not exist under normal conditions, but they think as necessary. Let them add in this mixture as many amino acids and as many proteins as they like. Let them expose these mixtures to as much heat and moisture as they like. Let them stir these with whatever technologically developed device they like. Let them put the foremost scientists beside these barrels. Let these experts wait in turn beside these barrels for billions, and even trillions of years. Let them be free to use all kinds of conditions they believe to be necessary for a human’s formation. **No matter what they do, they cannot produce from these barrels a human, say a professor that examines his cell structure under the electron microscope.** They cannot produce giraffes, lions, bees, canaries, horses, dolphins, roses, orchids, lilies, carnations, bananas, oranges, apples, dates, tomatoes, melons, watermelons, figs, olives, grapes, peaches, peafowls, pheasants, multicoloured butterflies, or millions of other living beings such as these. Indeed, they could not obtain even a single cell of any one of them.

Briefly, **unconscious atoms cannot form the cell** by coming together. They cannot take a new decision and divide this cell into two, then take other decisions and create the professors who first invent the electron microscope and then examine their own cell structure under that microscope. **Matter is an unconscious, lifeless heap, and it comes to life with Allah’s superior creation.**

The theory of evolution, which claims the opposite, is a total fallacy completely contrary to reason. Thinking even a little bit on the claims of evolutionists discloses this reality, just as in the above example.

Technology in the Eye and the Ear

Another subject that remains unanswered by evolutionary theory is the excellent quality of perception in the eye and the ear.

Before passing on to the subject of the eye, let us briefly answer the question of how we see. Light rays coming from an object fall oppositely on the eye's retina. Here, these light rays are transmitted into electric signals by cells and reach a tiny spot at the back of the brain, the "center of vision." These electric signals are perceived in this center as an image after a series of processes. With this technical background, let us do some thinking.

The brain is insulated from light. That means that its inside is completely dark, and that no light reaches the place where it is located. Thus, the "center of vision" is never touched by light and may even be the darkest place you have ever known. However, you observe a luminous, bright world in this pitch darkness.

The image formed in the eye is so sharp and distinct that even the technology of the twentieth century has not been able to attain it. For instance, look at the book you are reading, your hands with which you are holding it, and then lift your head and look around you. Have you ever seen such a sharp and distinct image as this one at any other place? Even the most developed television screen produced by the greatest television producer in the world cannot provide such a sharp image for you. This is a three-dimensional, colored, and extremely sharp image. For more than 100 years, thousands of engineers have been trying to achieve this sharpness. Factories, huge premises were established, much research has been done, plans and designs have been made for this purpose. Again, look at a TV screen and the book you hold in your hands. You will see that there is a big difference in sharpness and distinction. Moreover, the TV screen shows you a two-dimensional image, whereas with your eyes, you watch a three-dimensional perspective with depth.

For many years, tens of thousands of engineers have tried to

Compared to cameras and sound recording machines, the eye and ear are much more complex, much more successful and possess far superior features to these products of high technology.



make a three-dimensional TV and achieve the vision quality of the eye. Yes, they have made a three-dimensional television system, but it is not possible to watch it without putting on special 3-D glasses; moreover, it is only an artificial three-dimension. The background is more blurred, the foreground appears like a paper setting. Never has it been possible to produce a sharp and distinct vision like that of the eye. In both the camera and the television, there is a loss of image quality.

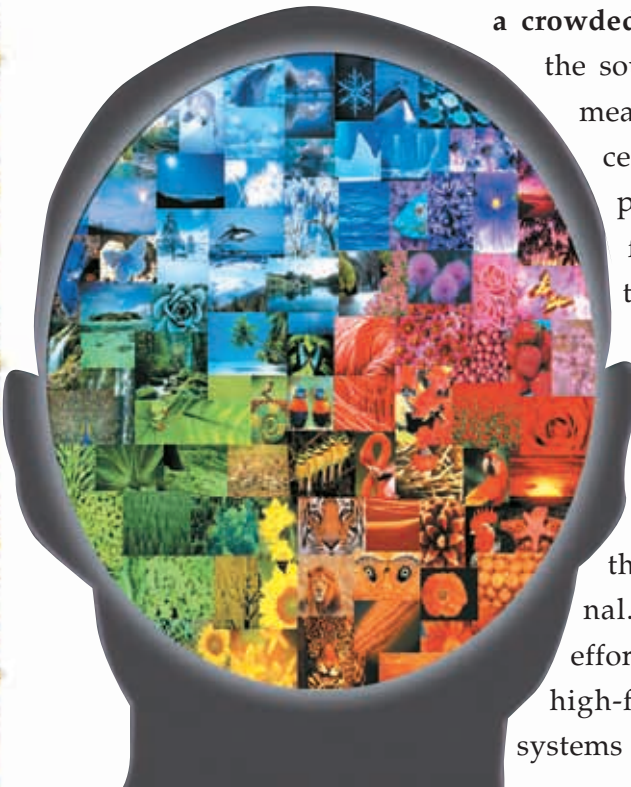
Evolutionists claim that the mechanism producing this sharp and distinct image has been formed by chance. Now, if somebody told you that the television in your room was formed as a result of chance, that all of its atoms just happened to come together and make up this device that produces an image, what would you think? How can atoms do what thousands of people cannot?

If a device producing a more primitive image than **the eye could not have been formed by chance**, then it is very evident that the eye and the image seen by the eye could not have been formed by chance. The same situation applies to the ear. The outer ear picks up the available sounds by the auricle and directs them to the middle ear, the middle ear transmits the sound vibrations by intensifying them, and the inner ear sends these vibrations to the brain by translating them into electric signals. Just as with the eye, the act of hearing finalizes in the center of hearing in the brain.

The situation in the eye is also true for the ear. That is, **the brain is insulated from sound** just as it is from light. It does not let any sound in. Therefore, no matter how noisy is the outside, the inside of the brain is completely silent. Nevertheless, the sharpest sounds are perceived in the brain. In **your completely silent brain, you listen to symphonies, and hear all of the noises in**

a crowded place. However, were the sound level in your brain measured by a precise device at that moment, complete silence would be found to be prevailing there.

As is the case with imagery, decades of effort have been spent in trying to generate and reproduce sound that is faithful to the original. The results of these efforts are sound recorders, high-fidelity systems, and systems for sensing sound. Des-



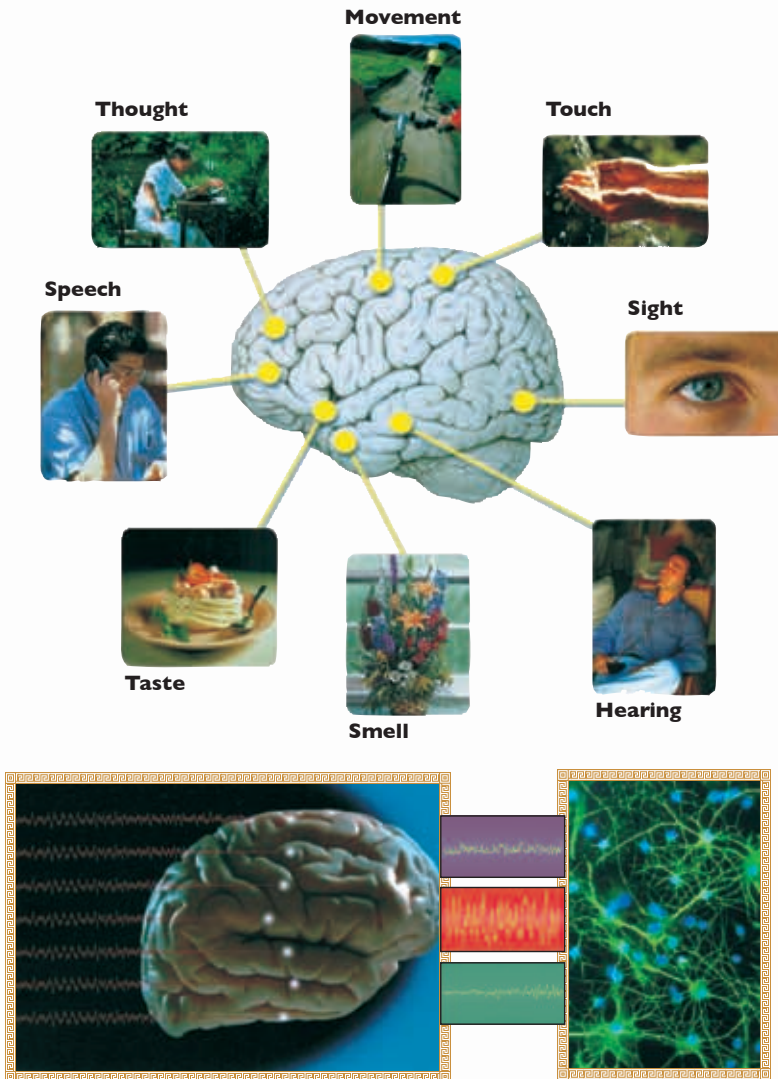
pite all of this technology and the thousands of engineers and experts who have been working on this endeavor, no sound has yet been obtained that has the same sharpness and clarity as the sound perceived by the ear. Think of the highest-quality hi-fi systems produced by the largest company in the music industry. Even in these devices, when sound is recorded some of it is lost; or when you turn on a hi-fi you always hear a hissing sound before the music starts. However, the sounds that are the products of the human body's technology are extremely sharp and clear. A human ear never perceives a sound accompanied by a hissing sound or with atmospherics as does a hi-fi; rather, it perceives sound exactly as it is, sharp and clear. This is the way it has been since **the creation of man**.

So far, no man-made visual or recording apparatus has been as sensitive and successful in perceiving sensory data as are the eye and the ear. However, as far as seeing and hearing are concerned, a far greater truth lies beyond all this.

To Whom Does the Consciousness that Sees and Hears within the Brain Belong?

Who watches an alluring world in the brain, listens to symphonies and the twittering of birds, and smells the rose?

The stimulations coming from a person's eyes, ears, and nose travel to the brain as electro-chemical nerve impulses. In biology, physiology, and biochemistry books, you can find many details about how this image forms in the brain. However, you will never come across the most important fact: Who perceives these electro-chemical nerve impulses as images, sounds, odors, and sensory events in the brain? **There is a consciousness in the brain that perceives all this without feeling any need for an eye, an ear, and a nose.** To whom does this consciousness belong? Of course it does not belong to the nerves, the fat layer, and neurons comprising the brain. This is why Darwinist-materialists, who believe that everything is



We live our whole life in our brains. People we see, flowers we smell, music we hear, fruit we taste, the moisture we feel with our hands-all these are impressions that become "reality" in the brain. But no colors, voices or pictures exist there. We live in an environment of electrical impulses. This is no theory, but the scientific explanation of how we perceive the outside world.

comprised of matter, cannot answer these questions.

For **this consciousness is the spirit created by Allah**, which needs neither the eye to watch the images nor the ear to hear the sounds. Furthermore, it does not need the brain to think.

Everyone who reads this explicit and scientific fact should ponder on Almighty Allah, and fear and seek refuge in Him, for He squeezes the entire universe in a pitch-dark place of a few cubic centimeters in a three-dimensional, colored, shadowy, and luminous form.

A Materialist Faith

The information we have presented so far shows us that **the theory of evolution is incompatible with scientific findings**. The theory's claim regarding the origin of life is inconsistent with science, the evolutionary mechanisms it proposes have no evolutionary power, and fossils demonstrate that **the required intermediate forms have never existed**. So, it certainly follows that the theory of evolution should be pushed aside as an unscientific idea. This is how many ideas, such as the Earth-centered universe model, have been taken out of the agenda of science throughout history.

However, the theory of evolution is kept on the agenda of science. Some people even try to represent criticisms directed against it as an "attack on science." Why?

The reason is that this theory is an indispensable dogmatic belief for some circles. These circles are **blindly devoted** to materialist philosophy and adopt Darwinism because it is the only materialist explanation that can be put forward to explain the workings of nature.

Interestingly enough, they also confess this fact from time to time. A well-known geneticist and an outspoken evolutionist, Richard C. Lewontin from Harvard University, confesses that he is "first and foremost a materialist and then a scientist":



In the same way that the beliefs of people who worshipped crocodiles now seem odd and unbelievable, so the beliefs of Darwinists are just as incredible. Darwinists regard chance and lifeless, unconscious atoms as a creative force, and are as devoted to that belief as if to a religion.

It is not that the methods and institutions of science somehow compel us accept a material explanation of the phenomenal world, but, on the contrary, that we are forced by our a priori adherence to material causes to create an apparatus of investigation and a set of concepts that produce material explanations, no matter how counter-intuitive, no matter how mystifying to the uninitiated. Moreover, that materialism is absolute, so we cannot allow a Divine [intervention]...²⁰

These are explicit statements that **Darwinism is a dogma** kept alive just for the sake of adherence to materialism. This dogma maintains that there is no being save matter. Therefore, it argues that inanimate, unconscious matter brought life into being. It insists that millions of different living species (e.g., birds, fish, giraffes, tigers, insects, trees, flowers, whales, and human beings) originated as a result of the interactions between matter such as pouring rain, light-

ning flashes, and so on, out of inanimate matter. This is a precept contrary both to reason and science. Yet Darwinists continue to ignorantly defend it just so as not to acknowledge, in their own eyes, the evident existence of Allah.

Anyone who does not look at the origin of living beings with a materialist prejudice sees this evident truth: **All living beings are works of a Creator**, Who is All-Powerful, All-Wise, and All-Knowing. **This Creator is Allah**, Who created the whole universe from non-existence, in the most perfect form, and fashioned all living beings.

The Theory of Evolution: The Most Potent Spell in the World

Anyone free of prejudice and the influence of any particular ideology, who uses only his or her reason and logic, will clearly understand that belief in the theory of evolution, which brings to mind the superstitions of societies with no knowledge of science or civilization, is quite impossible.

As explained above, those who believe in the theory of evolution think that a few atoms and molecules thrown into a huge vat could produce thinking, reasoning professors and university students; such scientists as Einstein and Galileo; such artists as Humphrey Bogart, Frank Sinatra and Luciano Pavarotti; as well as antelopes, lemon trees, and carnations. Moreover, as the scientists and professors who believe in this nonsense are educated people, it is quite justifiable to speak of this theory as "the most potent spell in history." Never before has any other belief or idea so taken away peoples' powers of reason, refused to allow them to think intelligently and logically, and hidden the truth from them as if they had been blindfolded. This is an even worse and unbelievable blindness than the totem worship in some parts of Africa, the people of Saba wors-

hipping the Sun, the tribe of the Prophet Abraham (as) worshipping idols they had made with their own hands, or some among the people of the Prophet Moses (as) worshipping the Golden Calf.

In fact, Allah has pointed to this lack of reason in the Qur'an. In many verses, He reveals that some peoples' minds will be closed and that they will be powerless to see the truth. Some of these verses are as follows:

As for those who do not believe, it makes no difference to them whether you warn them or do not warn them, they will not believe. Allah has sealed up their hearts and hearing and over their eyes is a blindfold. They will have a terrible punishment. (Surat al-Baqara, 6-7)

... They have hearts with which they do not understand. They have eyes with which they do not see. They have ears with which they do not hear. Such people are like cattle. No, they are even further astray! They are the unaware. (Surat al-A'raf, 179)

Even if We opened up to them a door into heaven, and they spent the day ascending through it, they would only say: "Our eyesight is befuddled! Or rather we have been put under a spell!" (Surat al-Hijr, 14-15)

Words cannot express just how astonishing it is that this spell should hold such a wide community in thrall, keep people from the truth, and not be broken for 150 years. It is understandable that one or a few people might believe in impossible scenarios and claims full of stupidity and illogicality. However, “magic” is the only possible explanation for people from all over the world believing that unconscious and lifeless atoms suddenly decided to come together and form a universe that functions with a flawless system of organization, discipline, reason, and consciousness; a planet named Earth with all of its features so perfectly suited to life; and living things full of countless complex systems.

In fact, in the Qur’an Allah relates the incident of the Prophet Moses (as) and Pharaoh to show that some people who support atheistic philosophies actually influence others by magic. When Pharaoh was told about the true religion, he told the Prophet Moses (as) to meet with his own magicians. When the Prophet Moses (as) did so, he told them to demonstrate their abilities first. The verses continue:

He said: “You throw.” And when they threw, they cast a spell on the people’s eyes and caused them to feel great fear of them. They produced an extremely powerful magic. (Surat al-A’raf, 116)

As we have seen, Pharaoh’s magicians were able to deceive everyone, apart from the Prophet Moses (as) and those who believed

in him. However, his evidence broke the spell, or “swallowed up what they had forged,” as revealed in the verse:

We revealed to Moses: “Throw down your staff.” And it immediately swallowed up what they had forged. So the Truth took place and what they did was shown to be false. (Surat al-A’raf, 117-118)

As we can see, when people realized that a spell had been cast upon them and that what they saw was just an illusion, Pharaoh’s magicians lost all credibility. In the present day too, unless those who, under the influence of a similar spell, believe in these ridiculous claims under their scientific disguise and spend their lives defending them, abandon their superstitious beliefs, they also will be humiliated when the full truth emerges and the spell is broken. In fact, world-renowned British writer and philosopher Malcolm Muggeridge, who was an atheist defending evolution for some 60 years, but who subsequently realized the truth, reveals the position in which the theory of evolution would find itself in the near future in these terms:

I myself am convinced that the **theory of evolution**, especially the extent to which it’s been applied, **will be one of the great jokes in the history books in the future**. Posterity will marvel that so very flimsy and dubious an hypothesis could be accepted with the incredible credulity that it has.²¹

That future is not far off: On the contrary, people will soon see that “chance” is not a deity, and will look back on **the theory of evolution as the worst deceit and the most terrible spell in the world**. That spell is already rapidly beginning to be lifted from the shoulders of people all over the world. Many people who see its true face are wondering with amazement how they could ever have been taken in by it.

They said 'Glory be to You!
We have no knowledge except
what You have taught us. You
are the All-Knowing,
the All-Wise.'
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